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Clinton Tries To Weather Withdrawal Of Nominee

Taking Responsibility For Baird, He Begins Search for Replacement

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton took personal responsibility Friday for the first embarrassment of his administration — the withdrawal under fire of his nominee for attorney general — and pressed forward to make certain the political damage would be limited. Political specialists in the capital noted a certain amount of snickering that the novice in Washington had stumbled over a nominee chosen under pressure from women's groups, but

Lessons in the political embarrassment over a lastily chosen nominee. News Analysis, Page 4.

the insiders calculated that Mr. Clinton could quickly put the problem behind him.

That he intended to do so was made clear by

the White House spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers, who said Mr. Clinton would "soon" select another nominee to replace Zoe Baird, who bowed out under intense opposition due to her having hired a couple of illegal aliens as domestic servants when she was a corporate lawyer in

'He doesn't want this to fester too long,' said a senior administration official about finding a replacement.

In a statement early Friday, Mr. Clinton said the episode was due to his transition team's failure to recognize the import of Ms. Baird's disclosure that she had employed illegal immi-

"For that, I take full responsibility," Mr.

It was a stinging setback for the new administration but one that Mr. Clinton could easily overcome, if his predecessor's experience was

During the first days of President George Bush's administration in 1989, Mr. Bush faced a much more wrenching problem over the Sen-ate's rejection of John Tower as defense secre-

Mr. Bush had staked prestige and political capital in standing behind Mr. Tower, something Mr. Clinton did not do for Ms. Baird. But Mr. Bush recovered quickly, naming in Mr. Tower's place Dick Chency, who went on to win the respect of both parties for his competence and fairness during four years as defense

Mr. Tower was brought down by allegations of drinking and woman-chasing, Ms. Baird was vulnerable to the charge that she had knowingly violated U.S. immigration laws that, as the bead of the Justice Department, she would be called on to enforce,

She apologized repeatedly. But that did not erase the impression that her conduct contra-dicted Mr. Clinton's promise to change the way Washington does business.

The Baird issue emerged unavoidably again on Friday when it came to having his cabinet sworn in - minus an attorney general.

As Mr. Clinton looked on, 16 of his nominees - including 13 members of his cabinet - were sworn in at a White House ceremony.

At the start of the first cabinet meeting of his



Clinton cabinet members being sworn into office on Friday by U.S. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. From left: Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Defense Secretary Les Aspin. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher.

tors arrived to begin destroying chemical arms. The Clinton administration vowed again Fri-

day to pursue a hard-line policy toward Bagh-

dad. The president is prepared to hold firm with Iraq." the White House said. They must

"As you know, similar to the situation yester-

day, if the Iraqis take hostile action against the

American pilots they will respond," said the

White House spokesman, George Stepbano-

Iraq said that the purpose of the raid was

comply with all the UN resolutions."

Keeping Up Iraq Raids, U.S. Jet Hits Air Defense Site

Serbs Seize Weapons At UN Depots After **Croats Break Truce**

U.S. Considers Giving Arms To Muslims

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration will consider providing weap-ons to the embattled Muslims in Bosnia even while supporting efforts by international mediators to end the war in the former Yugoslav republic, the State De-partment said Friday.

"At this point, it is an idea we are considering," a State Department spokesman, Richard A. Boucher, said even as Serbs stepped up their military pressure on the Muslims on the eve of a resumption of peace talks in Geneva.

While Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher raised the possibility of arming the Muslims at his Senate confirmation hearings, the statement gave the option new emphasis.

Other American officials said Bosnia would be taken up by President Bill Clinton and his senior advisers at a National Security Council meeting, probably early next week. The officials said Bosnia bad a

special priority, Mr. Boucher, meanwhile, said Mr. Clinton, Mr. Christopher and their advisers were giving the war in Bosnia "urgent

Madeleine Albright, at ber confirmation bearing to be the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, called the situation in Bosnia "clearly the highest priority of the president in the National Security Coun-

Mr. Boucher, at the State Department briefing, said, "I would expect that she

knows what she's talking about."
He underscored again "the difficulty" of achieving a negotiated settlement to the conflict. But be stressed that the administration supported the effort undertaken by Cyrus R. Vance, the United Nations mediator, and Lord Owen, who holds a similar role with the European Community.

an anti-aircraft missile site, the first such en-

At UN headquarters in New York, the chief

U.S. delegate, Edward Perkins, said that de-

spite the skirmish on Friday it still appeared

that "Baghdad is complying with the manifes-

"If that's so, I hope that this will cool down the heat, so to speak," he said.

The truce that Iraq called on Wednesday was

violated a day later when two U.S. jets bombed a radar site. Pentagon officials said radar was

turned on the planes, and that Iraqi anti-air-

craft guns also shot at them. Turning on radar is

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gagement of the Clintoo presidency.

tations of the Security Council."

By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Service
BELGRADE — In a startling eruption to a
dormant conflict, the Croatian Army on Friday
attacked with artillery and infantry across a
United Nations cease-fire line into a Serboccupied pocket of Croatia.

The Croauan attack shattered a UN-moni-tored truce that had held since last January in the Krajina region that was annexed by Serbian

Serbian troops, whose heavy weapons had been under the control of UN peacekeepers in the last year, responded to the Croatian attack by breaking into UN storage depots and seizing artillery and other weapons.
Serb leaders said in a letter to the UN Securi-

ty Council that if the international peacekeeping force in Croaua failed to protects Serbs, the Yugoslav Army "has both the right and duty"

The Yugoslav federal president. Dobrica Co-sic, said the Yugoslav Army would move in to help Krajina's Serbs if the United Nations did

The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, said Friday in Geneva that his forces would go to the aid of Serbs in Krajina if the Croatian attacks did not stop,

"If they continue to attack the Serb people in Krajina, we will help them." he said. "We are the same nation."

The offensive was immediately criticized by the Security Council, which called on the Croats to return to their previous positions. The council appealed to all parties to cooper-

ate with peace efforts under way in Geneva. The Croat attack came one duy before Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian Muslim leaders are to resume talks in Geneva on ending the ninemonth-old war in neighboring Bosnia. The at-tack also coincided with a sudden surge of fighting across Bosnia.

The Geneva peace process, which has won the guarded approval of all parties in the war, is scheduled to take up a complicated phase of negotiations over a proposed new map that carves Bosnia up into 10 provinces.

Despite the Croatian attack, Mr. Cosic and Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, said Friday that they would attend the talks in

Mr. Milosevic, a hard-line nationalist who is widely blamed for having instigated wars in both Croatia and Bosnia, has recently proclaimed himself to be a champion of peace and has come our strongly in favor of ending the Bosman conflict through negotiations. The Serb strongman, whose backing of Serb

aggression in Bosnia led the United States to accuse him of war crimes, teacted Friday with uncharacteristic equanimity to the Croatian at-

"I hope it will not have had consequences on the Geneva peace process." Mr. Milosevic said.

The UN peacekeeping force in Croatia was given a mandate in 1992 to disarm Serbian fighters throughout the region and to create conditions for the return of Croatian refugees. UN officials admit, however, that their mission

They blame local Serb gunmen, who they say are financed and controlled by Mr. Milosevic. More than 15,000 of them refuse to give up their guns or stop terrorizing non-Serbs, UN officials say.

The Croatian government has been threatening for months to use force to take back land that the United Nations recognizes as belonging to Croatia.

Croatia's version of what happened Friday differs markedly from that of a UN spokeswoman in Zagreb, who spoke of Croatian shelling and a ground advance over the cease-

Croatian radio said "police" had pushed into the zone protected by UN units to make security preparations for a pontoon bridge whose construction has long been blocked by Serbian

occupation. President Franjo Tudjman of Crostia reportedly told a diplomat in Zagreb Friday that the move was done with the knowledge of the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, and the Geneva peace mediators, Lord Owen and Cy-

The Croatian Army stormed into the UN Protected Zone at Maslenica, where a key bridge over an Adriatic Sea channel is used to connect Croatia's main northern highway with the coast, which is the center for the country's

once-lucrative tourist industry. That industry, long the most important source of hard currency for all of former Yugo-slavia, was destroyed by the 1991 war.

The Croatian attack fits into a recent pattern of bold Croarian military action. In Bosnia, UN officials say that it is the Croats, not the Serbs, who have been the primary violators in the last two months of a UN no-flight order.

Croatian Army forces, equipped with heavy weaponry and receiving regular deliveries of ammunition from Croatia, have been operating for months inside the borders of Bosnia-Herze-

nissiles," the spokesman said. provocation. But Iraq appeared to be complying with UN A Pentagon official said a U.S. plane had Security Council resolutions, an American offifired on an Iraqi air defense site that locked its See CABINET, Page 4 cial said Friday, as more UN weapons inspecradar on the aircraft

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The Iraqi-declared

cease-fire was broken a second time when a

U.S. warplane fired missiles Friday at an Iraqi

air defense site that had turned on its radar,

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesman

said that the U.S. attack, inside a northern no-

flight zone, was unnecessary and denied the

region, no SAM missiles or any other type of

"There are no anti-aircraft batteries in that

existence of missile batteries in that region.

Pentagon officials said.

A New Approach on Trade

With Surplus at a Record, Tokyo Shies From an Initiative in Dealing With U.S.

By Steven Brull tional Herald Tribune

TOKYO — While fretting that the new administration of President Bill Clinton will take a harder line oo trade. Japan's divided political establishment remains mired in the past, unable

NEWS ANALYSIS to seize the initiative to cast the new relation-

ship in a positive tone.

Fresh evidence of the need for action emerged Friday as the government reported that Japan's global trade surplus soared to

record heights in excess of \$100 billion in 1992, a politically untenable level. The surplus, which had been in decline during the five years through 1990, has re-emerged as a haunting reminder of economic imbalances

between Japan and the world. With a new trade-conscious administration in place in Washington, the surplus will require a new level of political management lest negoriators find themselves roped in by rising rhetoric.

time to clean up," a Western government official said. "But it's become politicized, and in the meantime we need to show positive results." As Japan's recession dampened imports while exports of cars, microchips and other high value-added products remained strong. To-

kyo's trade surplus jumped 12 percent to \$11.23 billion in December. That brought the total for 1992 to a record \$107.06, up 37.6 percent from 1991, the Finance Ministry reported Friday.

The surplus with the United States stood at \$43,67 billion, a 14.3 percent rise. Economists



expect the surplus to grow slightly in 1993 as America's economy imports more.

On Thursday, Mr. Clinton's top economic

adviser, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, signaled her intention to take a tough stand against Japan. She said she wanted to resume sectoral trade See TRADE, Page 11

Ex-Soviet States Again Fail **To Find Common Ground**

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States met again Friday

According to the Pentagon, the first missile

fired by the U.S F-4G "apparently failed to

neutralize the radar" and the second was fired

after it continued to track the aircraft. "No

damage assessment to the radar site is currently

A Pentagon official said it was not immedi-

ately clear wby the first missile failed to eradi-

cate the radar. The source said the HARM

missile was supposed to follow the radar signal

into the target. The official said that one possi-

ble reason for the miss was that the radar signal

coming from the Iraqi installation was not

On Thursday, Baghdad denied a U.S. asser-

uon that it had provoked an air attack against

available," it said.

strong enough.

and failed to give real shape or purpose to the amorphous association that emerged 13 months ago as the successor to the Soviet Union. The meeting ended without resolving a quarrel that has resurfaced between Common-

wealth's two largest members. Russia and Ukraine, over the control of strategic nuclear It also left unanswered more fundamental

questions about whether the Commonwealth has any other function, except to gather its 10 disparate members, from Europe's edge to the steppes of Central Asia, for periodic high-level

At the end of the daylong meeting, the leaders agreed to sign a memorandum that lays out the principles of the Communwealth, while allowing individual states more time to consider a more substantive charter defining the range of the Commonwealth's authority.

Seven of the 10 members are apparently ready to sign the charter, but Ukraine, Turkmenistan and Moldova, fearing the surrender of their newfound sovereignty, held back.

"I think by joint mental effort we found a

decision that suits everybody and does not create problems within the national interest of individual states," said President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia at a news conference after the On the eve of the Minsk meeting. Russia proposed to take control over the former Soviet

Umon's strategic nuclear forces, including weapons now on the territory of Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan that are due to be transferred to Russia for dismantling under armscontrol agreements signed with the United Although its parliament has yet to ratify the

START-1 agreement, Ukraine has not backed away from its commitment to become a nonnuclear state. But it insists that the 176 interconti-See UNION, Page 4

Honecker Apologist in New Yorker Is Unapologetic

Washington Post Service

BERLIN - A trans-Atlantic tiff over press ethics escalated Friday when a court here denounced as an "abuse" The New Yorker magazine's article about the manslaughter trial of Erich Honecker, the former East German Communist leader. The Jan. 11 piece was a sympathetic "Talk of the Town"

portrayal of Mr. Honecker, 80, by the wife of his defense lawyer, but carried neither her byline nor a description of the author's connection. On Friday, a court spokesman said that the lawyer, Nikolas Becker, and his wife, the American novelist Irene Dische, had misused their access to closed-court sessions. The Dische

article included a detailed description of Mr. Honecker's cancerous liver - verbatim testimony by medical experts she heard when her husband took her into bearings closed to the public, the press and even to the defendant himself.

"The judge had no idea she was acting as a reporter then or at any time," the court spokesman, Bruno Rautenberg, said. "The judge only allowed her into the courtroom as a secretary or assistant to ber husband, so she could watch." Alexander Chancellor, editor of the Talk of the Town

section, said Friday night that "Irene Dische is a well known

writer-journalist who assured us that her attendance of the trial Ms. Dische has said that The New Yorker has asked her to

write a full-length, signed article on the trial, but a spokeswoman for the magazine said Friday that no such assignment had been made. She quoted Mr. Chancellor as saying, "There may have been some discussion, but nothing concrete came of it."

Mr. Honecker, who presided over the construction of the Berlin Wall, was charged with manslaughter in the deaths of East Germans killed trying to escape over the wall to the West. Persuaded by doctors that Mr. Honecker had less than six months to live, the court dismissed the charges last week and released him to join his family in Chile.

Mr. Becker and Ms. Dische rejected the court's version of events. Mr. Becker said he asked the judge if his wife could attend the trial, but the judge said all seats for the public were full. Instead, the judge suggested that she attend as her busband's assistant, just as other lawyers in the case had secretar-

At the trial last month, Ms. Dische sat next to her busband, went with him into the prisoner bolding area behind the courtroom and stayed with him when the courtroom was

cleared for a lawyers-only session. Reporters covering the trial that day said they saw Ms. Dische taking notes. "After she attended, my wife decided it was interesting and

she wanted to write about it," Mr. Becker said. "I did not deceive the court at all. Believe me, I was not eager for her to write anything."

He said he did wage a public campaign to win press

sympathy for Mr. Honecker's failing bealth and thus halt the trial - which is exactly what the court did.

But Mr. Becker said he had no need or desire to win U.S. press support for Mr. Honecker. "The court knew my wife is a writer," he said. "She had a best-seller in Germany three years ago. Before this trial, I was known as the husband of Irene Dische. Now she's known as my wife."

Ms. Dische, who has lived in Berlin for 12 years and who said she preferred to speak German, dismissed the idea that she should have notified the court of her intention to write about the closed sessions. She also rejected the notion that readers might want to know that the author of an article calling Mr. Honecker "a bero" was married to his defense lawyer.

"I'm not a journalist anyway," she said. "I'm a writer. The real question is, Should I have written this at all? These See LITERATA, Page 4

Kiosk

Insider to Head Bank of England The British government named Eddie George, a 30-year veteran of the Bank of England, governor of the central bank. Mr. England, governor of the central bank. Mr. George, 54, deputy governor since 1990, will ment, as prescribed in plans for closer EC

replace Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who is rebas made clear that for now, the government ning after 10 years as governor. (Page 9) Known as a strict monetarist, Mr. George intends to keep political control.

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Slovakia's Uncertain Dawn

Independence Brings a Mood of Foreboding

By Stephen Engelberg New York Times Service

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia - Wedged into one of the most strategic corners in this unstable region, Eastern Europe's newest small nation has been gripped by uncertainty and foreboding in its first few weeks of

Slovaks are frantically withdrawing their money from local banks, anticipating that the widely rumored end of the joint currency with the Czech Republic will mean a sharply devalued Slovak crown.

With the government tightening its control over the press and television, opposition politicians and some journalists have stepped up their attacks on the democratic credentials of Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar. Some even see the dawning of a new era of "normalization," the euphemistic term for the purges that followed Moscow's invasion of Czechoslovakia in

Slovakia's independence has added new complexities to a region already buffeted by ethnic conflict and unstable governments. Bounded by Ukraine, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary, this nation of 5.2 million stands at Eastern Europe's crossroads, and turmoil here can ricochet in myriad directions, including toward the 600,000 ethnic Hungarians in

From the first hours of the country's independence on Jan. 1, Mr. Meciar has made clear his intentions to chart a new course. In his New Year's Day address, he pointedly rejected the twin pillars of politics in the Czech Repubbe: a doctrinaire commitment to free-market economics and a determination to bar former Communists from top government positions.

One of Mr. Mecian's chief economics ministers, for example, was a member of the paramilitary arm of the Communist Party and, under laws existing before the breakup of Czechoslovakia, would have been barred from such a high post.

"We refused socialism," Mr. Meciar said. "We also refuse the idea of capitalism of the last century. In November 1989, we rejected a system that was bad. But we cannot reject the work of those who toiled honestly under this bad system. It is necessary to draw

a thick line between the past and the present."

Opposition politicians say Mr. Meciar's populist campaign last year, which demanded an easing of the "shock therapy" economic program favored by the Czechs, has stirred unrealistic hopes. They wonder how the mercurial Mr. Meciar, a former boxer, will react if he feels cornered by a public backlash that many sense is inevitable.

Fund, the government adopted a frugal budget that region.

includes cuts in social programs, and members of Mr. Mecian's party, the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, have been hard at work trying to lower expectations of an immediate end to the economic difficulties

that have keep unemployment at 11 percent.

"The future of Slovakia has a huge question mark hanging over it," said Frantisek Miklosko, former president of the Slovak Parliament and a leader of the opposition Christian Democrats. "If social tension grows, and if Meciar strengthens an authoritarian regime, the situation could spin out of control. What is difficult to see is whether the target will be the opposition or the Hungarian minority.

Mr. Meciar's allies dismiss such fears as propaganda that plays on biased Western views of Slovakia that bave been spread by Prague and Budapest. Members of Mr. Meciar's inner circle are particularly incensed by frequent allusions to Slovakia's only previous period of independence, the World War II Nazi puppet state led by the Reverend Jozef Tiso.

"Why are people writing big articles on what fas-cists and charvinists we are," asked Roman Zelenay, senior member of the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia. "Because you had slavery 140 years ago in the United States, is it appropriate to speak of the United States as a slave state?"

Oa Jan. I, the editor in chief of Smena, the largest opposition paper, was dismissed by a managing board; among the seven board members were two legislators from Mr. Meciar's party, but Zelenay said that the dismissal was a business decision, and that Mr. Meciar learned of it from the television news.

The separation of Czechs and Slovaks is closely linked to Mr. Meciar's political career. A Communist who was expelled from the party after 1968, he was an early member of People Against Violence, an umbrella group for the anti-Communist opposition in Czecho-slovakia's Velvet Revolution, in November 1989.

He became interior minister and later prime minister of the Slovak lands, but was onsted in March 1992. He then farmed the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia and a center-left alliance that includes a large number of former Communists prominent in the Prague Spring, the 1968 attempt by the Czechoslovak Communist Party to create "socialism with a buman

In his New Year's Day speech, Mr. Mediar went out of his way to assuage the fears of minorities, opening with greetings for Slovaks, Hungarians, Czechs, Poles,

Ukrainians, Ruthenians, and Gypsies.

The separation of the western two-thirds of Czecho-slovakia, the Czech Republic, from Slovakia is likely Under pressure from the International Monetary to be the catalyst far a substantial realignment in the



Prague bank employees putting stamps on bank notes Friday to mark them as Czech currency.

Germans Roll Dice on Mafia, to Sicily's Chagrin

By Brandon Mitchener ional Herald Tribune

For a Mafia boss in Palermo, the name of the game is to be more ruthless than competing clans in squeezing money out of bars and pizzerias. Policemen, nf course, are part of the intrigue, only delaying protectioo collectors long enough to get a share of the booty themselves.

The trouble with this Palermo, which was named one of last year's 10 best board games in Germany, is that it all-too casually resurrects a seedy image that the city of the same name has labored to overcome.

For many in the sunny Sicilian capital, where 22 people last year died in Mafiarelated deaths (compared with hundreds in earlier years), fear of the Mafia might still be a painful fact of life, but a game that makes light of that reality is nevertheless considered an insufferable insult.

"This game exploits a subject that is for all those in the world who have been victims of the piovra," or octopus, said Manlio Orobello, Palermo's mayor. "It belittles the sacrifice of the many residents of Palermo who have lost their fives as the price of the war against the Mafia."

It is ironic, Italian authorities said, that the game has had its greatest success in Germany, where many of the most ruthless Mafia hit-men are said to reside and many Sicilians work in factories and restaurants. Some Italians have also been mistaken for gypsies as victims of xenophobic vinlence.

"I think the Italian government should take action internationally to defend the image of the city and to reaffirm the values of brotherhood and solidarity that are the foundation of European integration," Mr. Orobello said.

Gaspare Nuccio, a Sicilian delegate in the Italian Parliament, has co-signed a call for an official investigation of the damage the game has done to his city's image

"It's clear that the Mafia is the main problem of Palermo, but there's more to Palermo than the Mafia," he said.

The game's box illustration depicts 11 tanned men sporting shifty eyes, flasby ties and broad-rimmed hats, a policeman serving wine and an alert guard dog on a picturesque, sunny piazza. No guns or bombs are in sight.

Designed for 3 to 5 players over age 12, the game takes about an hour to play. Players start by laying squares depicting various bars and restaurants on a blank map of Palermo, trying to put their buildings in the best positions. Then, according to the directions, "the scoundrels move from bar to bar collecting money."

The game's manufacturer, a Viennese company called Wiener Spielkartenfabrik, Ferd. Piatnik & Sohne, in retrospect regrets having chosen the name Palermo for what was ariginally designed as an abstract game involving innocuous colored chips, blocks and figures.

"We have cleared up any mistaken impressioo that our game refers to real events," said Dieter Strehl, a spokesman for Piatnik in Vienna. He called the eventual decision to name the game Palermo:
A Sicilian Adventure, "incidental," although he said they did want to name it
after "a Mediterranean port city." The
company declined to say how many copies
of the game had been sold in Germanspeaking countries, but its distributor in Germany said it had sold "very well," more than 50,000.

Company officials are growing increasingly defensive about the uproar the game has caused in Italy. "It's not our fault the people there are so crazy," a company official said, asking oot to be identified by

Bernward Thole, director of the German Games Archive in Marburg, said in the game's defense that it in no way glorifies violence.

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"There is no violence, no fighting," he said. "When you play the game, which was one of the most interesting last year, tactically speaking, you actually forget the whole Mafia business."

A technical twist that Mr. Thole said increases the game's complexity and attraction but finds particular disfavor with Italian authorities is the role of policemen.

"Each rogue has a policeman in his family's pay who is loyel to that family and can help hinder the others," the directions say. More ominous yet, even the family policemen are not really loyal: for I millioo lire, they will let a member of a competing clan go about his business. The winner is the Malioso who collects

his protection money fastest and returns the city's main square. Mr. Nuccio, a leader of the Sicilian

grassroots anti-Mafia party known as La Rete, or the Network, said his main comence in Palermo.

"The parliamentary investigation is necessary to prevent the continuing associa-tion of Sicily and Italy with the Mafia," he said. "It's not just that it causes a bad image, but sets a bad example. Just think of a child who plays the games and asso-ciates the Sicilian, the Italian, with the concept of cruelty."

Gorbachev Knew Dark Truth, Says

By Michael Dobbs

An Ex-Aide

Weshington Pest Service
MOSCOW — For the last five years, Mikhail S. Gorbachev has consistently maintained that be was left in the dark about some of the most explosive secrets in the Kremlin archives. The veracity of the former Soviet president - and his historical reputatioo — is now being directly challenged by the man who was for many years his closest personal aide.

In his first interview since participating in the failed August 1991 coup, Valeri 1. Boldin, the former Kremlin chief of staff, said he himself had acquainted Mr. Gorbachev with direct evidence of such Stalinist crimes as the secret territorial agreement with Nazi Germany and the massacre of 15,000 Polish officers by the Soviet secret police. He says be kept Mr. Garbachev briefed on KGB surveillance of prominent Russian politicians and forcign journalists.

"I ocver had any secrets from the president," said Mr. Boldin, who had tnp-secret documents and compromising KGB wiretaps that were discovered in his Kremlin safe after the abortive coup. "I never

tried to be cunning with him." With the exception of Mr. Gorbachev's wife, Raisa, no one knows the former president better than Mr. Boldin, his most trusted assistant from 1981 onward. Mr. Boldin's decision to join the coup plotters came as a stunning blow, especially when Mr. Boldin was sent in the Crimea to confront Mr. Gorbachev with the plan for a

sweeping military crackdown. As a key member of the conspiracy, Mr. Boldin bas an obvious motive far running down the reputation of the man he betrayed. At the same time, however, his version sheds oew light on the backstage intrigues of the Gorbachev era and the never-ending balancing act between historical truth and political expediency. It confronts Mr. Gor-bachev with the classic question: What did the president know, and when did he know it?

Mr. Gorbachev contends that he had no reason to conceal the truth.
As the father of glasnost, or openness, be did more than any other Soviet leader to uncover and publicize the ghastly atrocities of the Stalin era. The Kremlin archives contain millions of individual files. and it required laborious research to trace the most incriminating documents about Stalinist crimes If Mr. Boldin is to be believed, Mr. Gorbachev doled out the truth in small doses that were politically calculated. Mr. Gorbachev's attempt to control the flood of revelations from the archives obliged him to conceal valuable historical evidence from his own colleagues and the international community. In order to support his claim that he knew nothing, he has become trapped in his own lies and political

manipulations. Responding to the allegations through a spokesman, Mr. Gorbachev said: "I think they should publish everything. Americans will decide for themselves whom to be-

WORLD BRIEFS

Marine Sentry Kills Somali at Camp

MOGADISHU (AFP) — U.S. Marines shot and killed a Somali gunman and wounded another Somali here Friday, a U.S. military

Spokesman said.

The spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Ritter of the U.S. Army, said a Somali youth, about 19 or 20, climbed on top of a wall surrounding a sports stadium where U.S. farces are camped in the Somali capital and

a sports stadium where O.S. into a transport threatened a Marine sentry with a handgun.

"He waved a pistol, and told the Marine he had nine rounds of ammunition and was going to shoot him," Colonel Ritter said. "He cocked the gum, the Marine fired, and the youth fell ontside the stadium."

Social Democrats to Lead Denmark

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — The Social Democratic Party leader, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, won formal approval from four parties on Friday to form a Danish government that will be responsible for the European Community's rotating presidency and for overseeing a vital vote on the Maastricht treaty.

Party colleagues greeted Mr. Rasmussen, 49, with a standing ovation after learning that the Social Democrats had put together a coalition and would return to power after a decade of center-right rule under Prime Minister Poul Schinter.

Mr. Schluter resigned a week ago after an inquiry into Denmark's treatment of Tamil refugees in the late 1980s said that he misled

Savimbi Agrees to UN Angola Talks

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — The UNITA leader, Jonas Savimbi, agreed to open United Nations-sponsored peace talks with the government next week, a UN official in Luanda said Friday.

Mr. Savimbi said he would send UNITA military representatives to talks scheduled for an unspecified day next week in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, the UN official said. Imital plans to hold talks on Monday had to be changed because of difficulties arranging transportation and bad to be changed because of difficulties arranging transportation and security for the rebel delegation.

German Skinheads Held in Beating

SIEGEN, Germany (AFP) — Two neo-Nazi skinhead youths have been charged with beating a severely handicapped man to death last month, the prosecutor's office said Friday.

The 55-year-old man, who was virtually blind, was making his way to a bus stop here early Dec. 15 to go to work when he was attacked by the two youths, aged 16 and 20, who kicked and punched him to death. They were arrested Wednesday and charged with murder on Thursday, the prosecutor said

"The elder of the two said only that he wanted to hit someone," said the prosecutor. Joachim Ebsen. "There are no indications that they deliberately attacked a handicapped man, but when they discovered after hitting him that he could hardly see it unleashed their unbridled aggression."

Malaysian Sultans Loses More Perks

KUALA LUMPUR (Renters) - Malaysia stripped more privileges on Friday from its nine hereditary rulers, who have opposed efforts to remove their immunity from the law,

The international trade and industry minister, Rafidah Aziz, said the

nine sultans would no longer be given shares in government companies that go public or be issued business licenses.

"My ministry had previously allocated 100,000 shares of Edaran Otomobil Nasional to each sultan," she said. "Such allocations will no longer be made." EON is the state-controlled distributor of Malaysia's national car, Proton Saga.

U.S. Boy Dies From Tainted Burger

SEATTLE (Bloomberg) — A two-year-old boy died Friday following his hospitalization with food poisoning linked by authorities to contaminated meat and improper food preparation at Foodmaker Inc.'s Jack-in-the-Box restaurants in Washington state.

The boy, Michael Nicole, died of heart failure, brought on by hemolyt-

ic premic syndrome, a kidney disease caused by toxins released into the body by the "0157" strain of E. coli bacteria, which has been responsible for the food poisonings, said a spokesman at Children's Hospital in

Another child was in critical condition at the hospital, and two children were in serious condition, the spokesman said. All are undergoing kidney dialysis. A total of 10 children have been hospitalized from the food

For the Record

A Pakistani was beheaded Friday for snaugeling heroin into Saudi Arabia, the Interior Ministry announced in Riyadh. Nearly 50 men, most of them Pakistanis, have been beheaded since the mid-1980s when this became the legal punishment in the kingdom for drug smuggling. (AP) British editors and senior staff from every national newspaper unani-mously rejected rejected proposals for government regulation of the press, the Newspaper Publishers Association said Friday. At a meeting at the association's London headquarters the 21 editors and staff voted against the proposals by Sir David Calcutt, which were made public last

TRAVEL UPDATE

High winds swept northern Germany on Friday, killing a man when his tractor was crushed beneath two falling trees.

American Airlines will begin daily nonstop service to Barbados from Kennedy International Airport in New York on Jan. 31. The carrier's service currently requires a stop in San Juan. BWIA International of Trinidad and Tobago has daily nonstop flights on the route. (NYT)

Amtrak has introduced a club conference car running twice daily between New York and Washington on the Metroliner express. Amenivies include a conference room for up to eight people, with a private telephone and a marker board for presentations or notes. The conference room rents for a flat rate plus a per-passenger charge. The rate from Washington to New York is \$225, and \$90 a person. (NYT)

Kidnapping Era Over, Lebanese Leader Says

By Ihsan A. Hijazi New York Times Service BEIRUT - Signaling what be

terms the emergence of "a Lebanon of peace and reconstruction," Prime Minister Rafik Hariri says he wants to assure the world that 15 years of civil war in his country "are over for good, and that the kidnapping of foreign nationals and hijacking of aircraft are something of the past."

In an interview, Mr. Hariri expressed the hope that the Clinton administration would lift a sevenyear-old ban on the travel of American citizens to Lebanon and on flights to New York by Lebanon's national airline. "These American measures are burting Lebanon as our country embarks on an era of peace and reconstruction," he said. Mr. Hariri also restated Lebanon's readiness to conclude a peace treaty with Israel, although as before he made a treaty conditional on similar pacts reached by other Arab nations involved in the Mid-

dle East peace talks, "and if Israel withdraws from the occupied Lebanese territory."

The prime minister's statement

Thursday occurred despite the continuing problem of more than 400 Palestinians expelled last month by Israel who remain stranded between Lebanese and Israeli lines in southern Lebanon.

He said Lebanon's decision on whether to take part in the next round of peace talks with the Israelis if the deportees are not repatriated would be coordinated with Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

entered the peace talks together, and whatever decisions that need to be taken on the matter we will take together," he said. Mr. Hariri said he was confident

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the United States would seek an early solution to the problem of the deportees "because this will pro-mote the peace process."

From the outset, Lebanon refused to take responsibility for the expelled Arabs, insisting that Israel take them back.

Since 1985, Israel has been occupying 440 square miles of Lebanese territory north of its border, calling it its security zone. Israel says the salient is a buffer to protect settlements in northern Israel against cross-border guerrilla incursions from Lebanon.

Weighty Vote

BRUSSELS — Belgian leg-islators rushed to vote when the division bell sounded on Thursday, only to find it had been set off accidentally by an

said Friday that Jean-Pierre Van Rossem, a flamboyant former millionaire, pressed the bell-push with his stomach as he leaned forward to speak to the president of the Chamber of Deputies.

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MOSCOW - Russian experts unveiled a new plan on Friday to prevent a potentially disastrous leak of radiaona from a sunken atomic submarine off Norway, but said other countries would have to

belp pay far the operation.
They said that Russia bad

committee for carrying out special underwater work, said experts now wanted to seal off the torpedoes and reactor by covering them in a special foam which would absorb any leak of radiation. This seems to be a very attractive way" of solvfinal decision will be possible only after expert examination." he said.

LIMA — Gunmen suspected of being Shining Path rebels opened fire Friday on a U.S. airliner as it was landing in Lima, and at least one bullet hit the fuselage, the police said.

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scrapped a proposal in raise the Komsomolets, a experimental sub-marine that sank in April 1989 with the loss of 42 lives, and that it did not want to recover its nuclear torpedoes or atomic reactor unless it had to.

Nikolai Borisov, head of a new ing the problem, be said, "but a The committee estimated that the operation would cost around

Shot Hits U.S. Airliner In Lima After Landing

\$70 million.

The gunmen apparently apened

up as the plane from Miami rolled

down the tarmac after landing, the

police said. Nn one on board the

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backing abortion, only backing women's rights to choose appropri-ate medical care. Abortion oppo-

nents want the issue to be portraved as one of opening the

floodgates to abortion on demand.

nor Smeal, president of the Femi-nist Majority Foundation, signal "the end of an era of medical Mc-

Carthyism" in which Republican

ideology "interfered with the con-duct of scientific research and

That group and others said they would mount a pressure campaign

to force Hoechsi AG, manufactur-

er of the abortion bill, to bring it

into the United States. The firm

had said it would do so if the hostile political climate over abortion

Wanda Franz, president of the

National Right to Life Committee,

said Mr. Clinton's actions amount-ed to the federal government's "promoting the use of abortion as birth control," and thereby increas-

ing abortions at bome and around

Mr. Bush, under pressure from

the conservative wing of his party, had moved even beyond Ronald Reagan in seeking to eliminate

from the federal government any action that could be perceived as

promoting or encouraging abor-

The White House spokesman.

George Stephanopoulos, said that President Clinton wanted to make

sure that health policy decisions

"are taken away from this great abortion debate." The Associated

"He wants to make sure that the

federal government sticks with Roe

v. Wade," be said, referring to the

Supreme Court decision 20 years

ago that made abortion a constitu-

in that decision, the court ruled.

7 to 2, that state laws making abor-

tion a crime infringed upon the 14th Amendment's due process guarantee of personal liberty.

which, the majority said, protects a woman's decision whether to have

Since 1973, more than 22 million

legal abortions have been per-

current annual count estimated at

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Mr. Clinton's moves, said Elea-

Clinton Overturns

Several Republican

Curbs on Abortion

By Ann Devroy

break with a decade of Republican

rule, President Bill Clinton on Friday overturned a series of restric-

nons on abortion 20 years to the

day after the Supreme Court legal-

As anti-abortion protesters marched outside the White House,

Mr. Clinton moved to undo executive branch actions that former

Presidents Ronald Reagan and

George Bush had taken to limit

abortion.

"Our vision should be of an

America where abortion is safe and legal but rare," Mr. Clinton said.

mony, the president:

• Lifted restrictions on abortion

counseling at federally funded clin-

ics that bad come to be known as

the "abortion gag rule."

• Removed restrictions on feder-

ally sponsored research on the

 Ended restrictions on United Nations population programs that bad prevented funds for programs

that included information or coun-

Returned to overseas U.S. mil-

itary hospitals the right to perform

abortions.

• Ordered the federal govern-

ment to review the Bush-era ban on the private importation of RU-486, the French abortion pill.

The actions, two days after Mr. Clinton took office, fulfill a cam-

paign pledge to pro-abortion rights groups although the president por-

trayed his moves as ones that re-turn medical decisions to women

and their counselors, not as ones

everything a president on his own

could do to remove restrictions that

prevented women, in large measure

poor women, from obtaining ahor-

Mr. Clinton's actions were hailed

by abortion-rights activists, scien-

tific researchers, population-con-trol experts and a range of other groups that had fought limits for 12

years. They were attacked by the

anti-abortion movement as a capit-

ulation to pro-abortion pressure

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George Stephanopoulos during his first White House shift.

Don't Forget Perot Vote, Party is Warned

WASHINGTON — Democrats reveled in self-congratulation as they elected their new party chairman, David C. Wilhelm. Then they got a stern warning that the November election result

Passport Search on Clinton: Now the Tapes

WASHINGTON — The independent counsel Joseph E. diGenova, who is investigating the pre-election search of State Department documents for information on Bill Clinton, has obtained access to

the backup tape of the master electronic-message system of the Bush

White House covering the presidential campaign period, according The Clinton White House has also agreed to isolate for his use the

electronie memories of the personal computers of Bush White House personnel who may have been involved in the affair, the sources said.

Mr. diGenova took the unusual action to safeguard the files so as

"to preserve evidence" for later review and not because be knew of

specific incriminating messages, the sources said. He also asked for and got control over relevant electronic records at the State Depart-

ment as part of a broader request for access to department personnel

Bush administration officials earlier this month had been prevent-

ed from destroying White House computer records by U.S. District

Judge Charles R. Richey, who ruled that the electronic files must be preserved. The White House had contended that the federal statute

requiring preservation of presidential records did not apply to

Mr. diGenova is investigating whether Janet G. Mullins, former assistant to Mr. Bush for political affairs, and others at the White

House or the State Department broke any criminal laws in relation to the Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 review of passport and consular files on Mr. Clinton and his mother, Virginia Blythe Kelley.

For Stephanopoulos, a Long First Day on Job

WASHINGTON — It was Opening Day for George Stephano-poulos, the cool and cautious presidential spokesman, facing the heavy hitters of the news media in the White House briefing room. To add to the sense of drama, the encounter was carried live on

It was not pretty. Mr. Stephanopoulos was hammered for 27 long minutes with no relief in sight during his first day on the job Thursday. The communications director lost his control early, and the crowd of reporters even jeered at one point.

Mr. Stephanopoulos had flawlessly handled dozens of briefings in Little Rock, Arkansas, but that was during exhibition season. His client was now President Clinton, and the standard equivocations

sounded less convincing.

While Mr. Stephanopoulos was never visibly rattled, the sight of this featherweight 31-year-old behind the lectern was jarringly different from that of the portly bulk of Marlin Fitzwater, 50, spokesman for both George Bush and Ronald Reagan. Viewers rarely saw

Mr. Fitzwater fencing with reporters because of a longtime ban on television coverage of the briefings, which was apparently lifted.

Much of the hostile questioning concerned Attorney General-designate Zoë Baird and her hiring of illegal immigrants. Mr. Stephanopoulos was in the position of trying to voice support for Ms. Baird without being enthusiastic.

(WP)

and records, the sources said.

computer backup tapes.

should not be taken as a mandate for governing, and were reminded of the raw nerve that Ross Perot touched in America during 1992. "You all know that Bill Clinton is enormously popular," said Stan Greenberg, the party pollster. "Just remember George Bush was enormously popular." The Democrats, be said, should not ignore the skeptical voters who backed Mr. Perot after he popped off on a TV show that be would run for president if he got on all 50 state ballots.

"I'm not saying we are going to have to go down the Perot agenda and go down the checklist and say that this is our checklist," Mr. Greenberg said. "But these are voters who are particularly distrustful of politics, distrustful of parties, alienated from the system, think their government has lied to them, think they've raised their taxes without delivering anything to them. And we have a burden to bring those voters over. I view that as our primary task."

(NYT)

Quote-Unquote

Zoë Baird, writing to President Bill Clinton and asking him to withdraw her nomination for attorney general: "I am surprised at the extent of the public reaction, but face the reality that this situation affects my ability to achieve the goals we both have for the Department of Justice."

Joint Chiefs Challenge Clinton on **Gay Policy**

FIRST 100 DAYS / A POLICY DEPARTURE

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In a an angry challenge to the administra-tion's promise to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are trying to nersuade President Bill Clinton to reverse his campaign pledge, senior military officials said Friday.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin's first meeting with the Joint Chiefs —the nation's six senior officers— was dominated Thursday by an emotional, two-hour discussion of their concerns that repealing the ban would wreck morale, under-mine recruiting and increase the risk of AIDS to heterosexual troops, senior officers said.

The chiefs are to meet with Mr. Clinton on Monday to voice their opposition to the administration's plan to repeal the restrictions in a two-step process. Under the plan. Mr. Clinton would delay issuing an executive order lifting the ban for several months; in the meantime. the military would be directed less formally to suspend enforcement of the ban.

Although not quite defying the president, the Joint Chiefs' visceral opposition contrasts with a slightly more conciliatory tone in public statements that several of them

made in December.
The chiefs feel they are in the position to convince president that this would be the wrong decision." said a senior aide to one of the

The firm support of the Joint Chiefs is critical for successfully carrying out the new policy. In the military ebain of command, officers and enlisted personnel take their cues on issues such as sexual harassment and racial discrimination from the example set by their

full scope, for fear of offending voters.

now, but I'm certain that she'll be involved."



Chelsea Clinton, the president's daughter, and friends during a surprise visit to the Hard Rock Café.

Security Panel's Base Widened Council to Put More Emphasis on Economic Dimensions

up a national security decision- sions. making system with a broader economic emphasis than ever before.
Borrowing from the Bush admin-

White House Front Seat

For the New First Lady

By Robert Pear

New York Times Service

Clinton will set up shop in the West Wing of the White House, alongside

the president's senior staff members, where she will help formulate policy on health care and other domestic issues, according to White House

First ladies have customarily operated from the East Wing of the White House, with their official contributions limited to social duries or charita-

have often been reluctant, in their public comments, to acknowledge its

Almost since Mr. Clinton's entry into the presidential race in October

the public together on their first full day in the White House.

Mr. Clinton has repeatedly said that be will submit his proposal to Congress within 100 days, or by April 30. But experts on health policy,

including several advising the new president and his staff, say the administration has had great difficulty working out details of Mr.

Clinton's campaign promise to guarantee bealth care for all Americans while controlling health costs. Mrs. Clinton's involvement is seen by some

experts as an effort to rescue an enterprise that was floundering in

WASHINGTON - Breaking decades of tradition, Hillary Rodham

By Don Oberdorfer istration, Mr. Clinton approved three levels of deliberative commit-WASHINGTON — President tees under the National Security Bill Clinton, in his first foreign pol- Council, the main interagency investion signed a directive setting body for foreign and defense deci-

The principal innovation is the

addition to the National Security
Council of Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen as well as Robert E Rubin, staff chief of the new White House Economic Council, and Ma-deleine K. Albright, who has been nominated to be ambassador to the United Nations. The White House spokesman,

George Stephanopoulos, who announced the addition of Mr. Rubin and Mrs. Albright to the National Security Council on Thursday, said this indicated Mr. Clinton's resolve to make sure that economic dimensions are at "the center of our national security policy." An administration official famil-

iar with Mr. Clinton's order said it and the Economic Council which originally was frequently re- Christopher said. ferred to as an "economic security council" along security council

1991, questions have been raised about whether Mrs. Clinton, a lawyer well known as a social advocate in her own right, would shatter that mold. The deputy staff director of the Dee Dee Myers, Mr. Clinton's oress secretary, said the first lady would have an office in the West Wing. Asked why, Ms. Myers said: "Because National Security Council, Samuel R. Berger, will join committees of the president wanted her to be there to work. She'll be working on a variety of domestic policy issues. She'll be there with other domestic the Economie Council when it is considering international subjects, Mrs. Clinton was right behind her bushand when he made his first appearance in the Oval Office on Thursday, between sessions of greeting and the Economic Council's deputy staff chief will join committees of the National Security Council when it is considering issues with And in the first sign of Mrs. Clinton's role as a policymaker in the new administration. White House officials said she would supervise the drafting of a proposal to revamp the namon's health-care system. economic aspects, the official said.

The National Security Council, which was established in 1947, is ehaired by the president and has three other statutory members the vice president, the secretary of state and the secretary of defense. In addition, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of central intelligence are statutory advisers. In practice presidents can add or omit officials in meetings of this innermost national

Asked about Mrs. Clinton's role, George Stephanopoulos, the White House communications director, said: "I think she'll be closely involved in developing health-care policy with the president, and she'll be part of those discussions. We don't have any final decisions on structures right security body. principal's committee of the main Early in 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton boasted in jest about her talents. security council members to deal saying, "Vote for one, get one free." But interviews with potential voters showed that Mrs. Clinton was unpopular in the role of chief policy adviser to her busband and, in April, the Clinton campaign set out to with security issues before they go to formal security council meetings; a deputies committee headed

by Mr. Berger and including deputy chiefs of key agencies; and working groups on a range of mediumterm questions, to be headed by officials from departments or agencies involved in the issue. At times in the past, foreign and

defense decision-making has been hampered by disputes among senior officials over power and prerogatives. In one episode, President Ronald Reagan on his first day in office refused to sign the directive drawn up by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. for a decisionmaking system that gave Mr. Haig the largest share of power.

This time, top officials are vowing to avoid turf disputes. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said Thursday that he had talked with Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, about early

plans for decision-making. "Fortunately, we happen to be envisioned a close coordination be-tween the National Security Counthink it will be easy for us to get

Quayle's Panel Shown the Door

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore said Friday that the abolishment of the Council on Competitiveness would thwart special interests that used the rulereviewing body "as a backdoor to avoid the law.

Established in 1986 and most recently led by former Vice President Dan Quayle, the council reviewed — and sometimes blocked — gov-ernment regulations seen as a hindrance to big business. Crinics had claimed that the administration used the council to restrict regulations protecting the environment. health and worker safety.

President Bill Clinton abolished the council Thursday, and Mr. Mr. Clinton's order establishes a Gore discussed the action in a staff meeting Friday. He said an existing review process under the Office of Management and Budget would make sure businesses were not burdened by federal regulations.

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Away From Politics

• Navy Lieutenant Paula Coughlin, who says she was sexually assaulted by drunk naval pilots last year in Las Vegas, is suing the pilots' association and the hotel where the incident took place. She is one of at least 26 women who say they were grabbed, fondled and sexually assaulted by members of the Tailhook Association at its convention in September 1991.

• The Treasury Department fined 10 casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey, \$2.48 million for alleged civil violations of the law designed to prevent money laundering. The department accused the casinos of wilfully failing to report currency transactions over \$10,000 to the laundering. Internal Revenue Service as required by the Bank Secrecy Act. • Signs of nicotine were found in all 800 of the first people tested in a large federal study of exposure to tobacco smoke, whether they had smoked or not, "We really weren't expecting that," said Dr. James Pirkle of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The facility is testing 23,000 Americans for cotinine, a byproduct of

niconne found in the blood. The first 800 tested all showed some • California's seventh-largest hank, the Japanese-controlled Sumitoms Bank of California, pledged to make more than \$500 million in home and community development loans in poor Los Angeles

neighborhoods in the next 10 years. Pan Am agreed to pay \$100,000 to settle a lawsant accusing airline security agents of detaining an Iranian-born American during the Gulf War because of his ancestry. The settlement will be shared by the passenger, Mohammed Ghonoudian, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union, sand Lucas Guttentag of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project • A 357-caliber Magnum taken to Fairfax High School in Los Angeles by a teenager who feared gangs fired accidentally in a class, killing one student and wounding a second, the police said. The gun

fired when the youth reached into his book bag.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has suspended the license of Oncology Services Inc. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to use radioactive incline incline. tive iridium in cancer treatments after a cancer-treatment center owned by the company accidentally left a sliver of radioactive metal inside the body of an 82-year-old woman in November, apparently causing her death five days later.

AFP, AP, NYT By R. W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It was a most inauspicious beginning, but President Bill Clinton had no

Withdrawing the nomination of Zoe Baird to be attorney general, only 36 hours into a new presidency, was a nightmare born of a flawed transition.

But pressing on, in the view of both the White House and the cir-

NEWS ANALYSIS

cle around Ms. Baird, would have ended either in defeat or in a narrow, Pyrrhic victory, which would have turned political embarrassment into political disaster.

The political calculus was stark: It was better for Mr. Clinton to be accused of failing to fight for his nominee, to be accused, as one leading Democrat accused him, of "folding his tent in the middle of the night," than to be battered by a Senate controlled by his own party in his first big test of strength with

Ms. Baird's withdrawal was not. in itself, a defining moment in the young Clinton presidency A wise choice of a replacement, and early confirmation, would help assuage the pain. Other struggles will capture public attention.

And Senator Joseph A. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee that had been questioning the nominee, said that by acting quickly to cut his losses in the face of mounting congressional opposition, Mr. Clinton had regained much of the credibility that he had lost carlier.

But there are lessons to be learned_

One of the most important, said an adviser to Ms. Baird, is that even when the same party controls the White House and the Congress, as the Democrats do now, "party cohesion remains minimal, and people on the Hill will vote their own interests, taking into account the polls, the calls and the mail."

A senior official of the Carter administration, now in the Clinton administration, drew a second moral. The emphasis placed by Mr. Clinton on diversity, she said, "became almost a quota system as things got out of hand in the final days of the transition, and that was a mistake, because it led to a game of musical chairs, with not enough concern for who was best qualified for what job, and not enough thought about political conse-

In the interest of finding enough women, blacks and Hispanie-Americans, several prospective nominees were shunted aside during that period, and Ms. Baird was moved hastily into the attorney marked for a woman, and when several other women were eliminated for various reasons, she was hastily chosen, hours before her name was announced.

A prominent New York Democrat argued that Mr. Clinton had erred in assigning little or no role during the transition to what he called "the political core of the

operatives who got him elected. Such tacticians as James Carville and Paul Begala, he said, might have spotted the political dynamite in Ms. Baird's employment of ille-gal aliens when others did not. Unless such people or others like them

are given major White House roles, New Yorker added, Mr. Chinton will get into repeated political Had Zoe Baird been some other kind of lawyer, not a corporate at-torney earning a half million dol-lars a year, she might have sur-vived. Had she been nominated in

another year, after a campaign in which congressional scandals and Ross Perot and the little guy played lesser roles, she might have survived. Had she been chosen as White House counsel, a job that does not require Senate confirma-tion, as she almost was, she would almost surely have survived. But as things were, a woman who had broken the law by hiring illegal

aliens as household helpers and failing to make Social Security payments for them could not be sold as the leader of a department responsible, among many other things, for enforcing the immigration laws, es-pecially in an administration with populist pretensions.

In the public view, said Senator Patrick J. Leahy, a Vermont Demo-crat who sits on the Judiciary Committee, confirming Ms. Baird would have signaled acceptance of "a double standard of justice."

After a campaign in which Mr. Clinton spoke again and again of representing "the people who pay their taxes and obey the law," in an administration born of promises to change the bad old ways of doing business in Washington, in a presidency that began with Mr. Clinton's pledge to "reform our politics so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people," Ms. Baird came to be seen as a symbol of power and privilege, rather than a steward of the people's interest.

charges of hypocrisy while he was still trying to figure out how the White House telephones work.

But the voice of the people was heard, on radio call-in shows, in newspaper editorials and in phone calls to the White House and Capitol Hill. "No way," it said. It reached senators first, then Ms. Baird, and finally the new occupant of the White House,



Zoë Baird, who withdrew as President Bill Clinton's nominee'.

CABINET: Looking for Nominee

(Continued from page 1) presidency, Mr. Clinton said he felt

badly that Ms. Baird could not be among the others.
"She is an extraordinary person," Mr. Clinton said, adding. "I'm going to start this afternoon

looking for an attorney general." Women's groups immediately urged Mr. Clinton to name another woman to the Justice Department

We deserve a share of the power She opened Mr. Clinton to and I certainly hope to see the appointment of another woman," said Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for The drama of Mr. Clinton's first

setback was heightened all the more by the late-night maneuver-

An exhausted Ms. Baird finished her testimony at 9:30 P.M. Thursday, and the chairman of the Sen-

ate Judiciary Committee, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, retired to his office, waiting for a call from the White House to see if Mr. Clinton wanted to go forward with more hearings Friday or bow to the changing tide. When told of the mounting op-position in the Senate, Ms. Baird

called Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who had recom-mended her to Mr. Clinton, and said she was withdrawing. She was not dissuaded, setting off a latenight exchange of letters and Mr. Clinton's retreat. (AP, WP)

■ Deportations Weighed

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is studying whether to deport the Peruvian couple whose employment scuttled the nomination of Ms. Baird, The Associated Press reported from Washington on Friday.

LITERATA: Honecker's Apologist Is Unapologetic

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American standards are very wishy-washy. The idea that I can't stand anything." write about this because of my huserican mi hat's an Am of stories."

widely misread in the United States agement of the trial as a defense of Mr. Honecker. "I The tempest over am completely apolitical," she said. Yorker article comes as German wing writer, but that's absolute lenge the decision to let Mr. Hon-

Mr. Rautenberg said the court I'm used to publishing in other cause of allegations in the German ocut becountries. I always leave myself out press that The New Yorker incident was an example of Judge Ms. Dische said her article was Hansgeorg Brautigam's misman-

The tempest over The New "The New Yorker called me a left-politicians and journalists chalnonsense. From now on, I think I'll ecker leave the country. Although

six months to live, doctors who have examined him since his arrival approved by the Commonwealth's in Chile say his cancer is neither prime ministers, the ruble will serve terminal nor inoperable, Reuters reported Friday from Santiago.

Ms. Dische said she was not finished with the Honecker tale. People reading my New Yorker piece here said it was the best article about the Honecker trial be-

cause of its literary description," she said. "I am the only literata who's written about it."

Beirut and Israel Allow Deportee Airlift deported by Israel. The repatriation could be Rabin Won't Meet Arafat

MARJ AZ ZOHOUR, Lebanon — Lebanon and Israel on Friday accepted a British offer of helicopters to evacuate some deported Palestinians stranded in a no-man's-land.

"The British helicopters cannot, however, fly over Lebanese territory controlled by its mlitary," said a source close to the Lebanese prime ster, Rafik Hariri.

An Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem that Israel did not oppose having the International Committee of the Red Cross use British helicopters to reach the deportees. "We accepted last week that the ICRC go to

the camps," said the spokesman, Oded Ben Ami, adding that access to the deportees could be "by helicopters taking off from Israel." "We have no objections to chartered British belicopters," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Office in London said it hoped to use Cyprus-based British Air Force helicop-

ters to repatriate nine Palestinians mistakenly

carried ont as early as this weekend, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The Palestinians were deported on Dec. 17 for alleged links with radical Palestinian organizations after a wave of killings of Israeli

The deportees left their camp in southern Lebanon and marched up to Lebanese lines on Friday to voice their approval of Beirut's policy of not allowing them entry so as to force Israel to accept their return to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has refused to comply with a UN demand that it allow the deportees to return, pending a ruling by its Supreme Court.

An Israeli newspaper, Ha'aretz, meanwhile quoted a government source as saying that 10 more of the Palestinians had been found to have been wrongly expelled because their cases were still being tried in court at the time.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has rejected a suggestion from the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, that the two meet for peace talks, Agence France-Presse reported Friday limbo

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"Israel does not negotiate with the PLO but only with the Palestinian delegation from the territories," said a spokesman for Mr. Rabin, Gad ben Ari, stressing that the Israeli position on the issue had not changed. from Jerusalem.

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Mr. Arafat made his appeal on Israeli televi-

sion Thursday.

Israeli state television interrupted its programs to broadcast a telephone message from Mr. Arafat from the PLO's headquarters in Mr. Arafat from the PLO's headquarters in the PLO's headquarters in the PLO's headquarters in the PLO's headquarters in the programment of Israel." Tunis to "the people and government of Israel."
Yossef Barel, director-general of Israeli television said the channel had wanted to speak to

the prominent pacifist Abie Nathan, who was visiting Mr. Arafat in the Tunisian capital, when Mr. Nathan handed Mr. Arafat the telephone to make the impromptu appeal.

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TOPICS

Taxis in New York City To Have Cellular Pay Phones

New York City's taxi commission has de-cided to permit cabs to install back-sear cellu-lar pay phones. Passengers will be able to call ahead, or fill their travel time. For drivers, the phones will have a safety feature that dials 911 — the police emergency number — by

simply pressing a button in the front seat.

The first phone-equipped taxis are expected to be on the streets by summer. A call will cost from \$1.20 to \$2 a minute, expensive for a friendly chat, but affordable for anything

approaching an emergency.

Both taxi passengers and drivers said they would welcome the convenience and safety.

John Dunn, 27, a fashion designer, said, "If I'm stuck in a cab. I can lose a lot of money and a lot of time, because you pay a model by

Customers will be able to pay only by credit card, as they now do to use phones on airplanes and some commuter trains. Al La Gasse, director of the International Taxi and Livery Association, said that several U.S. cities had experimented with cellular phones in taxicabs several years ago, but that none had caught on, apparently because the costs

were too great.
"In New York, the high concentration of businesspeople, the likelihood of unexpected delay and the short travel distances make it much more attractive," he said.

Short Takes

Leo, the Hon who rours at the start of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films, and the nameless slave who bangs the huge gong at the start of J. Arthur Rank productions, are among filmdom's livelier logos. They have a formidable new rival in Tri-Star's thoroughly updated Pegasus. The previous inanimate drawing of the mythical flying horse is being replaced by a steed galloping and flying toward the audience through a spectacular sunrise. The New York Times concedes that some people "might complain that the horse is, so to speak, superior to the cart." Buffy Shutt, Tri-Star president for marketing, calls it "an incredible 13 seconds of entertain-

The low-fat hamburger is having a lean time of it in the fast-food business in the United States. McDonald's is the only chain to offer one, and will not say how many it sells, although "we're very pleased about it; it's got a permanent place on our menu board." A spokeswoman for Carl's Jr. said, "It seems the fattier the food, the better it

tastes." A Wendy's spokesman said: "The consumer wants lower fat, lower sodium and lower calories. Oh, and by the way, it better

taste great." A spokesman for Hardee's said, "After spending millions on research, we found, just by listening to the consumer, that people are talking nutrition, but they buy on taste." He added that with "people who are more dietand health-conscious, what we found was that even if their intention was to buy a lowfat hamburger, they opted for grilled chicken.

When Dale Blum opened her small store in 1982 to sell trophies and plaques to compa-nies and sports teams around Chester, New Jersey, she called it Academy Awards, Now, a decade later, Hollywood's Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has sent her a registered letter requesting that she cease and desiat from calling her shop Academy Awards. Friends told her she basn't a legal leg to stand on, so she plans to change the store's name. Andrew H. Malcoim of The New York Times suggested a sign that looks like this:
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Looking for a cheap date? During National Book Week, which is just ending, the National Book Foundation and the American Booksellers Association suggested, "Take a book

Arthur Highee

UNION: Meeting Ends Without Resolving the Russia-Ukraine Quarrel

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nental missiles now on its territory are legally Ukrainian property.
"To this day, no agreement has

been reached as to the ownership of nuclear armaments," the Interfax ed to any document that would news agency quoted Vladimir further bind it to Russia, which news agency quoted Vladimir Zherbenko, deputy head of the Russian general staff, as saying. This question is passed from one session over to another, but no progress has been made."

The meeting in Minsk did produce a few agreements, including the creation of an interstate bank have to write a Tom, Dick and court-appointed physicians in Ber-Harry text for Americans to under-lin concluded that he had less than over money transfers and currency that will serve to resolve conflicts issues. According to an initial draft

control over the emission of credits. But the members were split on a proposed charter that would more nomic policies.

prises the Central Asian states of tive charter - which requires rati-Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyz-stan and Uzbekistan, as well as Mr. Kravchuk insisted that al-

Kazakhstan, Armenia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine, with Azerbaijan participating as an observer.

Ukraine, together with Turk-menistan and Moldova, has objectremains the dominant partner in the Commonwealth. Several days ago, the president of Ukraine, Leo-nid M. Kravchuk, said in Kiev that he would "not allow the Commonwealth of Independent States to be turned into a supra-national body-

subject to international law. " . Unable to resolve their disagreement over the nature of their relationship, the Commonwealth leaders prepared two documents on Friday that in effect split the differas the bank's single currency, and ence - one, a charter, that would Russia's central bank will keep promote greater integration, and a second, called a memorandum, that calls for a looser cooperation.

To preserve the appearance of closely coordinate defense and eco-unity, the leaders decided to sign omic policies. the memorandam jointly, leaving open the option of a more defini-

Commonwealth is working," he ple, which in recent weeks has said, noting that all 10 leaders were moved ruthlessly to suppress the committed to improving economic political opposition to President Is-But the meeting underscored the day to sign a declaration on human difficulties of maintaining a con-rights, forcing the issue off the

sensus among states that in the year agenda.

though Ukraine had not signed the since the inception of Commoncharter, it still considered itself a wealth, have pursued divergent po-Commonwealth member. "The litical paths, Uzbekistan, for examlam A. Karimov, declined on Fri-

IRAQ: U.S. Hits Air Defense Site

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a step before firing missiles. As part of the conflicting signals from Baghdad, a group of 52 UN weapwere "well received" in Baghdad on Thursday. Nineteen more inspectors and staff arrived on Friday.

"The trip was quiet, without inci-dent," said Paul Brough, the American head of a 25-member chemical weapons destruction team.

A dispute over unrestricted travel inside Iraq for UN weapons inspectors, who had been kept out for two weeks, was one of the issues

that prompted George Bush to order attacks on Iraq during his last

week as president.

There was no major work schedthe Muslim Sabbath. Resumption of the destruction of chemical weapons was to begin Saturday.

American officials said the two air force jets targeted by Iraqi radar on Thursday were just inside the northern no-flight zone that the allies had imposed to protect Kurdish dissidents from Iraqi air attack.

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Cambodia Could Be Divided

Diplomats Raise The Possibility

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia could be partitioned after the May elections if the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group does not participate in the voting, the Indonesian and Australian foreign ministers said

Ali Alatas of Indonesia and Gareth Evans of Australia, who were both active in mediating the 1991 peace agreement on Cambodia. spoke after talks with UN peacekeeping officials and Cambodian leaders amid worries of a breakdown in the peace process.

Next Wednesday is the last day for the Khmer Rouge to register its political party to contest the election. And the UN Security Council has said it will proceed with the polis if the Khmer Rouge does not come on board by Jan. 31.

The Khmer Rouge president, Khieu Samphan, told Mr. Alatas in Bangkok that his group would boy-cott the election and the peace pro-

The Khmer Rouge controls 15 to 20 percent of Cambodian territory and about 10 percent of the population, according to UN officials. The rest is controlled by the Victnamese-installed government and two other guerrilla groups that are cooperating with the elections.

"We do have to contemplate the possibility, after the election, of some proportion of Cambodian territory not being effectively controlled by those parties contesting the election - maybe of the order of 15 percent, 20 percent," Mr. Ev-

"We do have to contemplate the possibility of 500,000 or 600,000 out of the 9 million Cambodians. equally, being in those areas," he said.

Mr. Alatas noted that the Security Council decided that because of financial constraints, the election must be held by May as planned. The UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia, the world body's most expensive, is to cost \$1.8 billion by initial estimates.

"Partitioning is something nobody wants but now, however, time is running short," Mr. Alatas said, adding that they must consider the possibility that the elections would then proceed without the participatioo of the Khmer Rouge.

"If one faction or one party persists in not participating, then of course you cannot speak of a com-prehensive solution," Mr. Alatas said. "Only a comprehensive solu-

Mr. Alatas and Mr. Evans were instrumental in the mediation that led to the October 1991 signing in Paris of the Cambodian peace accord. Mr. Alatas co-chairs the international peace conference that provides the framework for the accord. Mr. Evans drew up many of the basic concepts of the peace

Since Monday, Khmer Rouge re-bels have held 12 UN personnel in Pailin town, the main guerrilla headquarters in western Cambo-

Monitors To Be Sent 1 To Haiti

By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The United Nations and the Organization of American States will send a large contingent of human-rights moni-tors to Haiti in about 10 days, even though questions persist about whether the military-backed government will allow them in.

Dante Caputo, a UN special envoy, said Haiti's civilian and military leaders had agreed to the deployment of the monitors, but added that the size and composition of the delegation, as well as its working conditions, were to be deaided by the United Nations and the Organization of American States and not the Haitian govern-

"We are not going to negotiate conditions," said Mr. Caputo, a former Argentine foreign minister. "We are not going to negotiate the number. And we are not going to negotiate the selection of the people who are going to be in that mission. That is out of the ques-

The sending of human-rights monitors is considered an important opening step in bringing about negotiations between the militarybacked Haitian government and the deposed president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted in a coup in September

President Bill Clinton is banking heavily on negotiations to reach a settlement that will stop the flow of Haitians trying to enter the United States illegally. In his presidential campaign, he bitterly criticized the Bush administration's policy of re-turning would-be emigres to Haiti. but he has since said that he will maintain the policy, at least while negotiations are under way.



That troops watching over a deserted Khmer Rouge refugee camp, which closed Friday after the occupants were repatriated.

Miyazawa's 3 'Pillars' for a New Japan

TOKYO - Prime Mioister Kiichi Miyazawa pledged Friday to expand Japan's

international peacekeeping role, improve the economy and restore popular trust in politics.

Addressing the opening session of parliament, Mr. Miyazawa said: "Outward-looking reforms to introduce Japanese initiatives in international contributions, inward-looking reforms to create a better quality of life, and reforms to create politics worthy of the people's trust - these are the three pillars upon

which I want to promote change in Japan."

Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe, in a separate address to parliament, supported Mr. Miyazawa's call for a bigger Japanese contribution in both personnel and funds to international peace efforts.

"New types of United Nations operations beyond the mandate of traditional peacekeeping operations are required in some cases." Mr. Watanabe said.

Calling on member nations to respond to the situation, Mr. Watanabe said, "I believe that this is an issue which Japan, as a responsible member of the international community, must take up with all due seriousness."

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

literary master whose visions of people trapped by modern life made him one of Japan's most

highly acclaimed authors, died Fri-

Mr. Abe is known in both Japan

and the United States for his 1962 novel, "The Woman in the Dunes,"

a dark tale of a man who becomes

trapped in a pit with a strange

woman and struggles to make do

version won a special prize at the

Cannes Film Festival in 1964 and

His was a threatening world of

Although he resisted the descrip-

tion, he was often called a Japanese

Kafka. In one story, a man finds himself transformed into a plant.

In another, a man decides to move

into a box to discover a kind of

World War IL His landscapes,

however, were distinctively Japa-

At least eight of Mr. Abe's nov-

els, collections of stories and plays were translated into English, mak-

His themes shared some of the desolation of Western writers whose sensibilities were shaped by

people who frequently lose their way, struggling against odds to un-ravel the senseless plots that have

became a cult classic.

left them doomed.

day of heart failure in Tokyo.

TOKYO - Kobo Abe, 68, a

troops were allowed to take part in nonmilitary peacekeeping activities of the United Nations. Japan's postwar constitution strictly limits the activides of its armed forces.

Mr. Miyazawa's showing during the 150day session of the Diet, or parliament, is a major key to his re-election as president of the Liberal Democratic Party. That post ensures him the job of prime minister because of the party's majority in parliament.

The party vote, scheduled for late September, could be closely followed by a general election that would decide whether the Liberal Democrats retain their 38-year hold oo

"Japanese behavior today," Mr. Miyazawa told the parliament, "has come to have a major impact on the international community as a whole. We must assume a positive role and responsibilities for the establishment of this new order for peace, commensurate with our enhanced standing.

"We will make our utmost efforts to take part in various international efforts, centering on the United Nations," he said.

never practiced.

society shattered by its defeat in the

war and torn from its roots.

ing him one of the best-known Jap-

anese authors in the United States, along with Yukio Mishima, a close

friend of Mr. Abe's before his sui-

Mr. Abe, an owlish figure usually

pictured behind large, black-framed glasses and puffing a ciga-

rette, was immensely popular in Japan. His publisher, Shinchosa,

said he had sold about 9 million

He won many of Japan's literary

awards and was occasionally men-

tioned as a candidate for the Nobel

theater company in the 1970s and

put on productions in Washington

Mr. Abe was born in Tokyo, but

grew up in northern China, which

was occupied by the Japanese mili-

tary throughout the 1930s. (Kobo is

the Chinese reading of his given name, Kimifusa.) His father was a

South Africa Bans Rap CD

The Associated Press JOHANNESBURG - GOVETE

ment censors banned a compact disk on Friday by the U.S. rap group 2 Live Crew called "The 2 Live Crew." No reason for the ban-

ning was given 2 Live Crew has

been the focus of controversy over

its lyrics, considered raunchy and

suggestive by many.

and New York.

Prize in Literature. He founded a

He called the state of Japan's economy grim and said the government and private sector must make a concerted effort for re-

He pledged to try to revitalize Japan's slumping stock market and said he would speed up his plans to improve the quality of life for Japanese.

Mr. Mivazawa's first task in the current session is to seek passage of the 1993-94 budget by March 31, the end of the fiscal year. He has also promised to submit politi-cal-reform bills designed to introduce a less-costly electoral system and stricter laws on political funding.

The newly elected chairman of the opposioon Socialist Party, Sadao Yamahana, vowed Friday to continue pressing the government over a scandal involving money and mobsters that dominated the domestic political scene

In October, the scandal toppled a Liberal Democratic leader, Shin Kanemaru, and the opposition now wants to drive his ally, Noborn Takeshita, into retirement. [Renters.

Kobo Abe, Acclaimed Japanese Novelist, Dies some critics described as a pervaied medicine at Tokyo University, sive loneliness as his characters but was an indifferent student and

He published his first short sto-ries in the late 1940s, establishing himself as a skeptical voice in a

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Marko Rothmedler, 84, an operatic baritone and composer, died Wednesday in Bloomington, Indiana, where he was distinguished var and tom from its roots.

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Leaking Oil Tanker Is Secured

Fire Continues, but Fear of Environmental Harm Eases

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SINGAPORE - Salvage experts boarded a leaking supertanker Friday and secured the burning ship to a tug to stop it from drifting, a spokesman for the shipowner

Light crude oil poured from one ruptured tank, but officials in Sin-gapore and Malaysia said fears of an environmental disaster had receded because the fuel was easily fispersed and had spilled far from shore. The light crude oil formed a slick about two miles (three kilometers) long and 220 yards (200 me-

Other tugs battled flames on the port side of the 255,312-ton tanker Maersk Navigator. The salvage specialists planned to spend the night on board, the spokesman said

early Saturday.

Salvage workers sprayed the tanker with foam to douse the flames, but the spokesman for the ship's Danish owner, the A.P. Moller Co., said it could take days before the blaze was put out.

Seas were high but winds were diminishing. The tanker, carrying nearly 2 million barrels of oil, was about 100 miles off Sumatra.

The spokesman for the ship's owner said that salvage tugs had been hosing down the blazing tank-

er since late Thursday, but that "I have oo idea when we could at-tempt to extinguish the fire or when the oil spillage will stop." The Siogapore-registered

Maersk Navigator, built in 1989, was en route from Oman to Japan when it collided early Thursday with the 96,545-ton tanker Sanko Honour in the Andaman Sea. The Sanko Honour was empty at the

Indonesia and Malaysia had expressed concern earlier on Friday that hundreds of species of birds, animals and fish could be threatened by the spreading oil slick. Environmentalists said endan-

sered leatherback and hawksbill nurles and the dugong, a herbivo-rous aquatic mammal thought to be the origin of tales of mermaids, could be at risk.

"We are very, very worried," said Mohammed Idris, Malaysian presi-dent of Friends of the Earth. The consequences could be irrevers-

A Ministry of Transportation of-ficial in Indonesia, which has sent two patrol boats and two navy ships to the area to monitor the oil spill, said his country would demand compensation from the tanker owners if there was any pollu-

Indonesia also demanded tougher rules on the size of ships passing through its waters.

But Singapore officials and oil experts said disaster might be avoided if fire fighters managed to

was contained to one cargo tank.
The spokesman for A. P. Moller said the fire and oil leakage were so far linked to only one of the ship's 12 cargo tanks. It ruptured after the collision early on Thursday near

the entrance to the Malacca Strait, one of the world's busiest waterways between Indonesia and Ma-Singapore's Marine Department director, Teh Kong Leong, said he understood the situation was more

or less under control.

Referring to damage in a collision at sea, he said, 'It's usually only one or two or at the most three tanks that are affected." But much more damage could be done if the fire spread and there was an explosion, he said.

The spokesman for the ship own-

put out the blaze and the spillage er said several European pollution experts had been sent to the site to prepare steps to minimize any envi-

"The oil leak has been confirmed as light crude oil, and if it continues to trace in the present direction will

break up in the prevailing weather conditions," he said. Major oil companies in Singa-pore have been put on alert to be ready to deploy equipment ranging from booms used to corral oil to chemical dispersants.

In Japan, which obtains nearly two-thirds of its imported oil through the Malacca Strait, the minister of international trade and industry, Yoshiro Mori, said at a news conference that Tokyo was ready to help clean up the oil spill. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Deng Seen on Television For the Lunar New Year

BEIJING - China's senior leader. Deng Xiaoping, appeared on television Friday, expressing Lunar New Year greetings on the eve of the year of the rooster and his confidence in the nation's future.

Mr. Deng, 88, was shown in Shanghai in the company of municipal leaders of China's biggest city. In a four-minute report, Chinese Central Television showed him standing alongside one of his daughters wearing his familiar Mao suit, smiling but walking hesitantly.

Mr. Deng last appeared in public in October, after the 14th Communist Party Congress, which endorsed his call of a year ago for quicker, bolder economic changes and re-elected Jiang Zemin as nunist Party chairman

Mr. Deng is by far China's most powerful leader even though he no longer holds any official post. "I wish a happy new year to the people of Shanghai," he said, and he exhorted them "to seize every occasion" to develop the economy.

To compensate for her father's poor hearing, Deng Nan, Mr.

Deng's daughter and private secretary, had to repeat to him remarks made by some of the people he met, notably the Communist Party secretary of Shanghai, Wu Bangguo. Mr. Deng also posed for a photograph with about 100 officials and workers.

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Bosnia at Clinton's Door

Circumstances have conspired to confront Bill Clinton and especially his secretary of state, Warren Christopher, with the question of how or perhaps even whether to support the Bosnia peace plan being put forward by the man who was Mr. Christopher's Carterera State Department chief, Cyrus Vance.

Ordinarily, and especially in this new day of the United Nations, the United States would be rendering vigorous support to a UN regional initiative. But the effort by Mr. Vance for the United Nations and by his British colleague, David Owen, for the European Community involves giving the status of valued negotiating partner to Serbian leaders widely seen as war criminals and accepting in practical terms much of the murderous displacement of Musiums conducted by Serbia with its Bosnian Serb clients. The Bush administration, which did not favor this dubious plan, managed to avoid frontally addressing it, but President Clinton finds it parked directly at his door.

The question is particularly acute for Mr. Christopher. His underlying views on this issue, as on many others, are simply not on the public record, and so it is premature to

say that he has misgivings about President Clinton's stated readiness to consider some evening up of Bosnia's long military odds. But in the past he has identified himself with Mr. Vance's characteristic confidence in a brand of diplomacy that undertakes to remove force from the equation of disputes on the ground. This is the brand whose results are evident in the UN plan. It regis-ters some though not all of Serbian (and Croatian) gains made by aggression, and it denies to the victim Muslims the opportunity they might yet have to bring greater force to bear to diminish their territorial losses and save the lives and homes of their people.

This week the toy Bosnian Serb "parlia-ment" endorsed its warlord leadership's earlier approval of the Vance plan. But it is a highly conditional approval by which Bosni-an Serbs plainly mean to continue to cheat on and fight on for their goal of sundering Bosnia, expanding their own turf and joining with Serbia proper. This is the reality Mr. Clinton and Mr. Christopher must address as they weigh whether the UN plan serves American interests and American ideals.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Russia Thinks Nuclear

Russia says it is going to embark on an enormous program to develop nuclear power. Last month the cabinet adopted a plan to huild some 30 new reactors over the next two decades. But that kind of a plan is unlikely to be carried oot. One reason is that Russia does not have the money. Another is that investment in energy would have a much quicker and more efficient payoff if it went instead into the country's neglected oil and gas industry. The nuclear plan is a revealing commentary on the politics of Russia's struggle to reform its economy.

Perhaps one motive is to hold together Russia's highly skilled teams of physicists and nuclear engineers, discouraging them from drifting southward to other countries with different nuclear ambitions and more cash to carry them out. Or perhaps the plan is a move in the rivalry among the bureaucracies in Moscow, But the main purpose is doubtless to meet a rising need for energy by exploiting a highly advanced technology in which many Russians take pride.

Energy is at the center of any strategy for rehuilding the Russian economy, and the government's dilemmas tell you a lot about the process. Russia keeps the price of fuel far below world levels because of the social distress that increases infliet in a cold climate. But because it is cheap, peo-

ple waste it lavishly. And because it is too ebeap, it does not generate enough money for upkeep and expansion of the oil and gas fields. The simple solution is to raise prices, but before they do that the Rus-sians have to devise a better social safety net for the people who would be hardest hit - the poor and the elderly.

Even with the current drops in production, Russia is the world's largest producer of gas and, after Saudi Arabia, the secondlargest producer of oil. But it could sell a lot more gas to Western Europe if it only carried out rudimentary repairs to its leaking transmission lines. That would be a lot faster, easier and more productive than building nuclear reactors.

There are great possibilities for develop-ing new fields, and Western oil companies could provide the capital. But before the foreign companies come in, Russians will have to settle among themselves a long series of hard questions about ownership, contract law and taxing authority - questions that not only take them into unfamiliar subjects but require them to deal with divisive ideological issues. That is a dannting prospect. It is not surprising that the embattled Russian government is tempted instead to turn to the mysteries of high technology for a solution.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Time Is Up for Sessions

J. Edgar Hoover must be spinning in his grave. Imagine the former director of the FBf taking the lashing that Attorney General William Barr administered, hours before resigning, to the incumbent director. William Sessions. "You engaged in a sham arrangement. [Your explanation] does not even pass the 'red face test' ... There is no excuse for your conduct." The penalty: ray more taxes and reimburse the government for personal expenses disguised as husiness necessities.

That verdict, and a report that supports it, argue strongly for an end to Mr. Ses-

If any of Mr. Hoover's nominal superior officers had used such language during his 48-year directorship, the response would have been a torrent of aspersions on his loyalty. Mr. Sessions, a former federal judge, has chosen a more mannerly response invoking due process: a rebuttal and a complaint that Mr. Barr defamed

him with leaks and ill-proven charges. Mr. Sessions has indeed been ahused by leaked accusations and eleventh-hour judgments. But the case against him also involves abuse. There is no major smoking gun of criminal conduct, but there is a seemingly endless record of chiseling and

expense-account padding. A 161-page report prepared by the Jus-tice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility says that Mr. Sessions enjoyed fringe benefits but failed to meet widely accepted tax obligations thus incurred. Among those benefits was the use of chauffeured government transportation. Apart from an unloaded gun in the limousine's trunk, there was little evidence that Mr. Sessions intended to use the vehicle for instant law enforcement. The report reveals suggestive travel pat-

terns: commercial airline arrangements skillfully planned to make pleasure trips look like professional travel. Mr. Sessions also charged the taxpayers \$10,000 for huilding a residential fence, and spent hours justifying it as needed security.

The sheer volume of nickel-and-dime transactions is offensive. So, 100, are the many bours that the chief of the nation's busiest, most important law enforcement agency devoted to such petty pursuits.

Yet there seems to be another and quite different reason why Mr. Barr is angry with Mr. Sessions, and it speaks well of the FBI chief. He declined to endorse the judge-haiting hostility to civil liberties in the Reagan and Bush administrations and refused to attack constitutional safeguards for suspects. He also settled complaints from black and Hispanic agents about the bureau's promotion practices, displaying a concern for civil rights not widely shared high in the Justice Department.

In other words, Mr. Sessions's virtues may have fucled the official probe into his vices. Nevertheless, the director generously supplied his detractors with evidence. which the incoming Clinton administration finds "disturbing." Although he is only halfway through a 10-year term, Mr. Sessions should resign, or the president sbould fire him.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A Decisive American Leader?

The world, looking to America for lead-ership, both demands Mr. Clinton's energy and fears it. The way to defuse that fear is to link America's money and purpose to the United Nations, so that its foreign forays have multilateral backing, whenever possible. The virtues this president needs to cultivate, above all, are decisiveness and self-restraint. By steadiness, refusal to make promises and tenacity in his own opinions, America's Mr. Fizz can prove there is more in his mind than political survival: such as the steering of his country, and the safety of the world.

- The Economist (London). In his inaugural address Bill Clinton spoke of the mystery of American renewal,

of the courage to reinvent America. That is

typical inaugural rhetoric, something for-

eign to Europeans because there was never an opportunity here to reinvent state and society. In Germany, even 1945 was not an "bour zero," even that new start was based on a foundation laid over centuries. But Mr. Clinton will find it more difficult than his predecessors. "Young" America is in reality the world's oldest constitutional entity. It is not easy there, either, to move walls.

There is also the problem of the would-be architect Bill Clinton. Because of his origins and temperament, he is not one to tear down walls. He would like to please everybody; he seeks applause the way others seek their daily bread. His government team is as finely checkered as his electoral rhetoric was. His problem is expectation gridlock. The right arm of his program (cutting the deficit) simply does not agree with the left arm (more state spending). Mr. Clinton's honeymoon with America will not last long. - Süddeutsche Zeitung (Munich).

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Remove and Store the Warheads, and Do It Now

T EL AVIV — As grave as is the threat to global stability posed by pariah states like Serbia and Iraq. it pales next to the damage that could be done by the accidental lannehing and explosion of a single nuclear war-bead. This would result in a catastrophe of untold proportions.

Even if such important steps as the START-1 and START-2 treaties are carried through, it will take many years. The risks of an accidental launching can be mitigated only by an agreement to remove all nuclear warbcads from their missiles and bombers, and to store them safely

and separately from those vehicles.

The agreement should be negotiated immediately among the recog-nized nuclear powers — Britain, Chi-na, France, the United States and four former Soviet republics, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine and require rapid implementation.

Financial resources and engineering expertise must be mobilized to build the necessary storage facilities. Verification measures should be negotisted later; except for safety requirements, nothing should be allowed to delay this urgent task.
During the Cold War, deterrence By Shai Feldman

required a high state of readiness and the resulting ability to convey the message that an instant and devastating response would follow any nuclear attack. Readiness required that nuclear warheads be placed at the rip of intercontinental ballistic missiles and in bombers, ready to be "launched on attack," if not "on warning,"

Fortunately, this rationale is now void. The Soviet Union is gone and there is no identifiable political conflict between Russia and the NATO alliance, Chinese-Russian relations have also become cooperative; Russia is even selling arms to China. There is some tension between Russia and Ukraine, but not so much as to require

the capacity to threaten annihilation. History has not ended, but at least in the foreseeable future the threat of war between the major powers has been eliminated. A premeditated nuclear first strike by any of these powers against another is now unthinkable. Hence, maintaining the ability to deter such an attack by possessing the capacity for instant retaliation is anachronistic. So there is no justifica-tion for the continued arming of delivery vehicles with nuclear warheads. None of the nuclear powers currently has any serious enemies. No one

tial claims against them. Dealing with such relatively minor territorial claims as the Japanese claim to the Kurils or Argentina's claim to the Falklands does not require nuclear deterrence. And new threats to the security of the nuclear powers are unlikely to develop quickly. The emergence of additional nuclear states that would need to be deterred, such as Iran, Libya or North Korea, is unlikely to

threatens their basic security and sur-

vival; there are not even any substan-

occur overnight. Once such threats were identified, there would be ample time to arm some missiles and bombers with nuclear warheads, and to announce that this has been done for the purpose of deterrence.

A global initiative to remove noclear warheads would not single out the former Soviet Union. It would avoid current tendencies to treat Russia as a Third World country worthy only of unilateral disarmament. Such an approach risks gener-ating cumulative Russian anger that

could find dangerous outlets one day. The immediate removal of nuclear warheads from missiles and bombers would be a visible measure of disarmament. This is important, given the approach of the 1995 conference at which the extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is to be negotiated. By carrying out the warhead removal imitative, the nuclear powers would be able to claim credibly that they are complying with the obliga-tions they have undertaken under the The Straits

Are Not

Protected

By Michael Leifer

L ONDON — Prime Minister Ma-hathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia-has acquired notoriety as an abrasive advocate of Third World causes.

There is a tendency in the West to

discount his prescriptions as political

self-indulgence. However, his recent call for ships using the Smits of Ma-lacca and Singapore, one of the busiest international waterways in the world.

to pay a toll to finance improved havi-gation and safety measures should be

very seriously considered.

The oil spillage and fire following.
Thursday's collision between two su-

pertankers near the northern en-

trance to the straits only underline

tween Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore have caused loss of life and

pollution. They call into question the viability of the general maritime regime for straits as well as the system worked out specifically for the Straits

of Malacca and Singapore in 1977.
The latter, which extend some 600

nantical miles, provide the shortest sea route between the Indian and Pacific oceans. They are a vital man-

time supply line for countries such as Japan. South Korea and Taiwan that depend heavily on imports of crude oil from the Guif. But the straits

constrict to a point only 3.4 miles

wide in one section opposite Singa-pore. They are also relatively shallow

and increasingly congested.

Concern about safety of naviga-

tion in the straits became an asseem

the early 1970s with the increase in

size and number of oil tankers plying between the Gulf and Japan. In the

context of international negotiations

for a new law of the sea, Indonesia,

Malaysia and Singapore took it upon themselves to work out a traffic sepa-

ration regime that would reduce the risk of collision. An agreement was concluded in 1977 incorporating two major provisions: first, that vessels in

passage should maintain a minimum under-keel clearance of at least 3.5

meters; second, that a traffic separa-

tion plan should be instituted for

general regime for straits used for in-

ternational navigation. It was incorpo-rated in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea enacted in 1982. A new principle of transit passage was intro-duced providing an unimpeded right, with no financial charge, to all ships

proceeding through such straits on certain conditions, one of which was prevention of collision and pollution.

But the number and size of vessels

using international straits, and the of-

ten hazardous nature of the cargoes

they carry, have increased dramatically. An average of some 200 large mer-chant ships ply the Straits of Malacca

and Singapore each day, together with an armada of about 1,800 smaller

craft, including fishing trawlers. (In

the straits and surrounding waters has

revived to an alarming degree in the

past few years.)
The latest collision underscores the

need to work out ways for safer traffic

system is no longer adequate to cope

with the growing volume of shipping. The recent spate of accidents are evi-

dence of abuse by users. Such license is

not tolerated in the air; it should no

longer be tolerated at sca.

The time has come for the Straits of

Malacca and Singapore, at least, to be treated much like a canal, with dues

charged to cover the cost of navigation aids, and introduction of trained pilots

to ensure that traffic separation is

Objections to a compulsory, fee-

based regime of passage will almost

certainly arise on grounds of expense

and delay. There will also be concern

that a precedent is being established that will pose a general threat to free-

dom of navigation. Singapore, for example, is almost certain to be rejuctant

to approve any change that might con-

strain access to and from its free port. Such objections should be strongly

resisted because of the overriding im-perative of maritime safety, which has been neglected at obvious human and

environmental cost in Southeast Asia.

promised with the end of the Cold

War is predicated on international

community values. They should be applied and upheld rationally in the case of the Straits of Malacca and

Singapore, with the lead being taken by the major maritime powers.

The so-called new world order

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the need for urgent action. In the last 12 months, a series of collisions in the straits that run be-

treaty to disarm. Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan may find this proposal particularly appealing. They are torn between their commitment to join the Nonproliferation Treaty as non-nuclear weapons states and the desire - most salient in Ukraine - to maintain some means of deterring Russia. The warhead-removal initiative would allow the three to apply a significant all capacity to deter.

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Yes, Democracy in Other Lands Is America's Cause

WASHINGTON — The ruler of a great power had shown kindness and friendship to a new nation. So its leader wrote a letter of appreciation,

and wrote of his country's realities. vilnin our lattitories there are no tuines either of gold or silver, and this young nation, just recovering from the waste and desolation of a long war. have not, as yet, had time to acquire riches by agriculture and commerce. But our soil is bountiful, and our people industrious, and we have reason to flatter ourselves that we shall gradually become useful to our friends."

At the inauguration of the 42d president, those words from a letter by George Washington to Sultan Mohammed III of Morocco in 1789 were in my pocket and mind. They possess those qualities that Americans would most like to distinguish their nation and presidents, and which occasionally even do: common sense, dignity, candor, a decent modesty joined to a comfortable sense of self-worth, and, in world affairs, loyalty and faith.

At inaugurations, each of us Americans listens for a word that touches our own sense of national purpose. Most people at the Capitol saw Bill Clinton as a dot. But each had a clear, unobstructed view of himself. The passage I hoped for came toward the end. The president spoke of America's greatest strength, the power of "our ideas," and said: "Our hopes, our hearts, our hands are with those on every continent who are hulding democracy and freedom. Their cause is America's cause."

By A. M. Rosenthal

Hell-bent for brevity, President Clinton did not ex n just why freedom's causes have to be ours. What's in it for us?

At least in part he has explained it in other talks. Democracies do not go around slaughtering each other, a fact that tends to increase American longevity. The more democracies that exist, the less American blood is likely to be spilled abroad.

Also, the American system prospers economi-cally and politically in concert with other free nanous, even if sometimes we threaten not to drink their white wine.

Dictatorships can be good customers for awhile, particularly for arms. But the stronger the tyranny becomes, the quicker it presents a polinical price that the United States cannot pay — Imperial Japan, Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, or Saddamite Iraq. Why we expect Communist China, with its hurgeoning military might, to be different is a puzzle, unless we again put cash register ahead of international security and individual freedom.

Political freedom may not be "our" idea and certainly was not during slavery. But Mr. Clinton was right: It is our greatest strength abroad. I have lived in nations oppressed by Communist despotism and nations oppressed by poverty. Almost every day, the longing for the freedom Amer-ica represented could be touched. Poles threw

roses in the path of Richard Nixon because he was the vice president of the United States. In India, college students filled lecture halls to hear almost every visiting American, roses of attention.

those who held them. In every war, every crisis, the

United States asked the help of other peoples. It was given in belief that political freedom was transferable and that the United States would be its conduit. Without that trust, for most of the world the United States would be just real estate. American "pragmatists" warn that democratic idealism will make us the world policeman. Not if we have any judgment it won't. Sometimes American armed power is necessary - with or without the United Nations, which is supposed to expand freedom's boundaries, not confine them. But mostly freedom fighters plead not for U.S. troops but for food, medicine, a political arm around them.

To Mr. Clinton and his chief of staff, Thomas

McLarty: Freedom's causes need supporters in the administration. The transition has squeezed most of them out — a dangerous invitation to cynicism.

To journalists: We are the last people who can justify becoming automatic cymics. The whole beau-

ty of journalism is that every day we get another crack at the story, to get more information, assuage cruefties, adjust our heads, correct mistakes. Maybe Bill Clinton can make that the whole beauty of being president, who knows?

The New York Times.

Long Live His Presidential Highness, for a While

PARIS — An American presiden-tial inauguration is a coronation for a season. The president is king for four years, eight if he is lucky which most recent presidents have not been. The crowning of the president has made regicide a republican neces-sity. Ronald Reagan is the only modem president who has not left office symbolically slain by the people. Harry Truman was the last to con-duct himself in the old republican way,

The mediatizing of politics and the irresistible accumulation of ceremony around the Cold War presidency elevated the president to the place he now occupies.

as an ordinary mortal rather than an anointed one. Dwight Eisenhower, as a general, was a man of ranks and deference, but still in the tradition of George Washington, who refused the crown that many 18th century Americans wanted him to assume. His officers insisted on forming the hereditary Order of the Cincinnati, meant to be the future aristocracy. Thomas Jefferson was convinced that his own elec-tion in 1801 had been a contest between "advocates of republican, and

those of kingly government." The men who became presidents after Eisenhower were not themselves responsible for how the office changed, although both John Kennedy and Richard Nixon were accomplices in the change. It was the mediatizing of American politics and the

By William Pfaff was anointed with sacramental oils at

presistible accumulation of ceremony around the Cold War presidency that elevated the president to the place be now occupies. The ceremony increased despite the fact that the pow-er of the president decreased, in every area except the power to make war. The accumulation of ceremony

made the White House more like a court, while the protection of the president, and symbolically, of the nation's nuclear potency, has sur-rounded him with widening (and egobuilding) rings of security guards.

The result of this has been more and

more to isolate him from the public. He now deals with the people through the mediation of television, an appar-ent gain in intimacy but an actual loss of the real intimacy that existed when Truman played poker with that era's handful of White House reporters. This isolation was one reason Mr.

ush lost the election in November. He had spent too long within his bubble of security and ceremony. It is an isolation Bill Clinton wants to avoid, which is why he has given so popular and populist an inauguration party.

Mr. Clinton is not likely, however,

to be able to escape this monarchizing — if we can call it that — of the presidency, the turning of the president and his family into celebrities, and, what is worse, into show busi-ness celebrines. The Clinton inauguration was all show business. The president should reflect on what happened in Britain when the royal family became celebrines.

Being a monarch is dangerous. The fundamental function of the monarch is sacerdotal. The king or queen is God's intermediary in dealing with a given people. That is what dynastic rule and the divine right of kings were all about. It is why Queen Elizabeth

her coronation, and was made the head of the Church of England. Today, while what once was taken to be the reality of this sacerdotal role now is accepted as symbolism, the symbolism itself remains extremely powerful. Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, has probably sacrificed his succession to Britain's crown, and may even have destroyed the monarchy itself in Britain, because his marital difficulties and the publication of a coarse sexual cooversation have robbed him of this sacramental potenniality, this potential priesthood. No one thinks Charles worse than

ome of his predecessors, but the medianzing of the monarchy—and the British royal family's making of themselves into celebrities - have eliminated that distance between

monarch and people which in the past made the king's sins private.

The day following Mr. Clinton's inauguration was, coincidentally, the 200th anniversary of the execution of King Louis XVI, beheaded in the Place de la Révolution (the present Place de la Concorde) in Paris in front of what now is the Hôtel de front of what now is the Hôtel de Crillon. Why was be killed, in what virtually all agree was a judicial mur-der? He was an inoffensive man and a relatively enlightened monarch. He had to be killed because to create a republic the sacramental connection of people to God had to be broken, repudiated, hy an act of violence. So long as the king lived the sacrament of kingship existed.

This is why I say that being a monarch is dangerous. When the American president was, as the old usage had it, the first "magistrate"—a civil official —he was safe. He could leave office a success or a failure. No one wanted his

blood. This is not the case today. Mr. Clinton clearly grasps something of this, and it is why he wants to avoid isolation and break down the new barriers between himself and the people. It is possible, however, that this is exactly the wrong way to go. It may be that the only possible solution is to reduce the ceremony and celebrity, but increase the distance, Instead of

trying to touch the ordinary man, the president should do his best to remain an ordinary man himself, one simply carrying out, for a term, the civil duties of the first magistracy. C Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Khedive's Crisis CAIRO - The political situation is

considered critical, and unless stringent measures are taken by the Britisb Government there seems no doubt we shall be involved in an Egyptian question much more seri-ous than heretofore. During the past week intense excitement has pre-vailed and still continues throughout the country. The Khedive is young and inclined to be arbitrary. Incited by anti-English advisers, he is dis-posed to take steps which are con-trary to his and his country's welfare.

1918: Snowfall in Fez

FEZ - Snow fell in this old Moroccan city and the oldest inhabitant remained indoors, for everyone was looking for him to ask what it all meant. The dwellers of Fez ran joyously through the white-carpeted streets, trying to catch snowliskes. The children rolled in the snow, patted it, picked up handfuls and ate

some to try its flavor. Local businessmen convened a meeting and decided to charge a fee for admittance to Fez. Messengers were despatched to advertise the new attraction. When Fez retired for the night the city of grace-ful mosques and picturesque dwell-ings had acquired a new beauty.

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Couture Winds of Change Increasingly, Financiers Call the Shots

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS - A whirlwind is tearing through French baute couture. The spring/summer collections open Saturday, four days after the dramatic announcement that the house of Yves Saint Laurent had been taken over by the state-owned Elf-Sanofi. A great designer has now become institution-

On Thursday, Oscar de la Renta will make couture history as the only American designer to head a Paris house when he unveils his first show for the flailing house of Balmain. And in a scarcely credible round of musical chairs, the former Ralmain. Balmain designer Erik Mortensen makes his debut for Jean-Louis Scherrer Monday, after the house fired the designer whose name is over the door. Scherrer is currently taking the legal steps to fight his dismissal last month. Rumors in Paris, denied by both sides, claim that Marc Bohan, former designer for Dior, is being solicited by Lanvin, which has skipped haute couture since it flung out the modernist Claude Montana in January 1992.

At Givenchy, the new director-general, Richard Simonin, is negotiating layoffs for 36 staff mem-bers. And the president of LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, Bernard Arnault, warned this month that the group's revenue will be down, in spite of an "outstanding performance" for Dior and Givenchy perfumes, because of re-structuring at Guinness PLC, in which LVMH holds an interest. Paris sources suggest that Arnault. owner of Dior, Givenchy and Christian Lacroix, may become a media mogul by bidding for Robert Hersant's press empire, which includes the daily Le Figaro.

The good news for conture is the Tokyo wedding of the Crown Prince Narabito to Masako Owada, which is expected to boost the sluggisb Japanese market. Hanae Mori, who celebrates Tuesday her 15th year showing as part of Paris couture, said Friday that v clients in Japan and Europe are already ordering dresses for the wedding, slated for late May or

Paris is also abuzz with talk of a royal marriage for Prince Albert of Monaco in 1993. This could be either with supermodel Claudia Schiffer, as trumpeted again in Paris Match this past week, or with Suzanne Aichinger, a Lacroix model whom Albert is dating. Either way. royal marriages are good for the country business. Gianni Versace, who is showing his Atelier line Saturday and picks up the International Designer of the Year award from the Council of Fashion Designers of by 13 percent, according to a America Feb. 1, is also getting into the bridal business. He has designed the dress for the Jan. 31 wedding of Karl von Habsburg and Francesca von Thyssen-Bornemisza, who is expected at Versace's show.

SIGNIFICANT 10year milestone is also reached this season by Karl Lagerfeld, who took over at Chanel in January 1983. Contrary to claims that he is bored or about to quit, Lagerfeld said Thursday that he has signed up for another six years, taking the designer to age 60 and Chanel to the brink of the new millennium.

says Lagerfeld. The funny thing is that in those 10 years so many people tried to do what Chanel did, telling the world they would even shows. As a client, she resents the "Please, no '10 years of . . . do better, but it never worked. The drama is, they have no Alain-Wertheimer. It is not only money."

Lagerfeld praises generously the two Wertheimer brothers, owners of Chanel, who give no interviews and reveal no figures about the privately owned company. They have provided the environment, not to mention the means, for Lagerfeld to flourish, while elsewhere there are public clashes between financiers and couturiers, and many, according to the embroiderer François Lesage, are being asked to cut back costs and the number of outfits.

Lagerfeld's unique genius has not been in the clothes that he has designed, but in his ability to hold up a mirror to changing fashion. He reflects that in his Chanel collections and thus attracts media attention, while keeping at the same time a basic product (the Chanel jacket) that appeals to clients and can be commercialized.

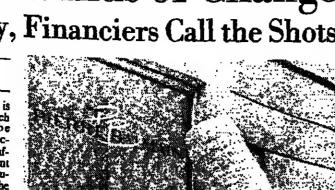
Haute countre, once a simple business of serving rich ladies, now requires enormous investment to market the house image globally. Hence, the marriages with financial investors, who then demand bot-

tom-line results. The designer inevitably loses control Saint Laurent and his partner, Pierre Berge, have now signed away perfumes and cosmetics. while retaining control of the cou-ture business until 2001. Otherwise, Emanuel Ungaro and Valentino (with a staff of 146 in his Rome

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Oscar de la Renta with a first design for Balmain.

with international clout who remain in total charge.

It is a myth that clients no longer The rich are always with us, especially during a recession — the only difference is that publicity-seeking nouveau riche now consider couture politically incorrect.

Offstage, the wealthy buy, most-ly in total anonymity. Nabila Khashoggi went public for her December wedding. The house of Jacques Fath made her a white crepe, crystal embroidered dress and matching coat smothered in white fox. Christian Lacroix made 18 wed-

ding dresses in 1992, all major work-of-art creations, which helped push up conture revenues spokesman for the house. Lesage believes that the "very confiden-tial" commissions he does, especially for Lacroix, Gianfranco Ferre at Dior and for Valentino, are "more the future of couture."

"And it is not just the wedding gown," says Valentino's partner, Giancarlo Giammetti, "For the princesses in the Gulf states there is also the toba, the previous evening, in which she wears a djellaba with

beautiful embroidery."
These elaborate wedding gowns, costing up to \$100,000, are never publicly seen. "And in a way, it should be pri-

vate," says São Schlumberger, a chent of Chanel, Saint Laurent and media circus and the fact that houses "give front-row seats to people who don't buy --- that's very

Couture houses pack shows with film stars precisely because real cli-flippant, not to say downight disents do not want to be used as publicity fodder. Or — like Rosane Collor, wife of Fernando Collor de

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atchers) are the only conturiers Laurent's haute conture director for 22 years, has the cream of classy clients and says that she made it a deliberate policy to discourage oneexist for the rarefied haute couture. off fancy dresses in favor of loyal clientele. Seventy percent of YSL's conture business is in tailored daywear, including the famous tuxedos. She describes the ideal ebent as "women who have a sense of quality in them" and not "an Ivana Trump, who likes being on stage."

A Pacis countrier is caught in a triple bind: either to make politically correct low-key clothes that are ignored by the press; or to dress super-rich (but not famous) clients; or to put on a show to attract media attention that has nothing to do with selling clothes to clients.

ture shows runs at a million dollars each and has traditionally been put down on the publicity and promotional budget. But financiers have realized that there is no guarantee of coverage. By contrast, for the same spend, Gianni Versace's current advertising campaign has gencrated magazine covers and editorial layouts on the strength of stunning pictures by Richard Ave-

The deep-scated drama for couture is that no young blood is coursing through. The new kid on the block is Oscar de la Renta, 60, who has attracted enormous goodwill from Parisian society and from his loyal American clients, all of whom, led by Mary Curley, wife of the U. S. ambassador to Paris, will be at the Balmain show. A triumph would be a personal

accolade, yet it is hard to see what de la Renta's success could do for Balmain, whose reputation rests firmly on its past glory.

Lagerfeld, who has always been

missive of Coco Chanel, sets out his own approach to couture and his Collor, wife of Fernando Collor de

Mello, the disgraced former president of Brazil—they dare not be.

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Mapprosich to Contine and his fashion philosophy in the words of Goethe: "Es gibt kein Krediet auf die Vergangenheit." There is no credit in the past.

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Old Masters Brush Off the Recession

EW YORK - For auction addicts, it's great news from America. The art market has shaken off its gloom and is crackling with activity. The traditional early winter sales of Old Master paintings last week revealed an eagerness to buy anything rightly priced that had not been perceptible since the crash in the fall of 1990.

It might not have been obvious to outsiders at Christie's, where the Iwo-day binge started as a lightweight affair — 107 pictures, out of the 178 that were offered, sold for \$4.7 million, a relatively modest total. The 71

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failed works could have been interpreted by those who had not glanced at them as an indication of hard times. But to professionals, the session flashed a very different message.

They were surprised and cheered to see formal portraits by little-known artists finding niches. It started with the self-portrait of a painter once thought to be Nicolas de Largillière and now recognized as the lesser Jacques-Fran-çois Delyen. Datable to 1740 on the basis of a variant in a

French museum, the Delyen sold comfortably for \$46,000.

More encouraging still is the success encountered by a painting of a patrician, stern and stiff in his black costume and white ruffles. The portrait used to be admired as the work of Antonio Moro in the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington before getting a less exalted label, that of his Flemish follower Adriaen Thomas Key. The museum dispatched it to Sotheby's, where it brought \$44,000 on April 7. 1989, at the height of the market. Few expected it to go up to \$68,500 this time.

Soon, it became clear that only duds or blatently overes timated pictures crashed along the way. No one, for example, took the slightest interest in the interior of a Gothie cathedral done in 1648 by Peeter Neeffs, who was better at drawing lines with a ruler than at wielding his brush. Its failure to sell as the hammer went down at \$8,500, despite its provenance, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, which was unloading it with other unwanted pictures, is a sign of the times. Labels barely matter now that the speculators are gone. It is the art that counts. Nor does it have to be great. A whiff of novelty can do

the trick. Leonardo Coccorante, the 18th-century painter of imaginary landscapes, is among the more recently rediscovered artists. A coastal scene in stormy light with improbable Roman ruins on the seaside and vessels sinking as tiny sailors are dramatically tossed about sold brilliantly at \$85,000. There was greater excitement still over Jacopo Ligozzi's "Christ Carrying the Cross." The difficult subject is well painted in a Caravaggesque mode, which is now much sought after. Never illustrated until the Jan. 14 sale catalogue came out, it created a surprise effect that sent it zooming to \$107,000.

In this context, where anything good generated competition, the two prizes in the sale did extremely well. Jacob Marrel is a rare and fascinating artist. His bowl of flowers, signed with initials and dated 1647, betrays the German painter's training as a botanist. The flowers are rendered with a precision that even the Dutch, among whom he spent the better part of two decades, do not attain. They could have been chiseled by a goldsmith.



Sold for \$2.4 million, this work set a record for a portrait done by an unidentified artist.

Coupled with that cool handling is an insidious sense of threat. Two lizzards poised on the sculpted stone ledger supporting the vases are ready to dart. A tiny reflection of the artist's face is visible in the glass bowl. Distorted by the curvature, it is made more disturbing by the thorny stalk of a rose, which seems to run through the head. Formally close to Dutch art, the picture could not be further removed in feeling. It has all the ferocious energy of its German forbears. At \$365,500, close to the high estimate. it was a great buy.

So was a still life by Pieter Claes dated 1635. The composition is all about brilliance—the subdued sheen of pewter, the gray transparency of glass, the yellow glitter of white wine and the boney-colored beer with a crown of froth. Each one of the few objects is set off by the others in color and texture. This is Dutch still life at its most restrained, in time suspended with a Vermeer-like touch. It seemed almost inexpensive as it went over the high estimate, up to \$805,000.

The stage — or the mood — was set for Sotheby's sale the day after. Vastly superior in quality, it was also larger — 188 pictures out of 285 offered brought an aggregate

\$12.4 million. Yet, interestingly, the same pattern repeated itself. Good paintings sold, bowever modest their scope, as long as the estimate was right. A replica of Simon Vouct's "Judith with the Head of Holophernes," probably done not long after the original was executed about 1620-21, could have failed in a wobbly market. Instead, it found a buyer at \$23,000. So did one of many copies of Georges de la Tour's "Saint Schastian Tended by Irene," at a substantial \$60,500.

Minutes later, a fragment of a painted Cross showing the head of Jesus tilted to the left, eyes cast down as blood trickles underneath the Crown of Thorns, could have remained unsold. Sotheby's estimate was a prudent \$12,000 to 16,000. But at the sight of a genuine Giovanni di Paolo, the 15th-century Sienese Primitive, connoisseurs could not hold themselves back. The fragment, hotly disputed, went to a Venetian dealer, Beppe Patitucci, who paid \$87,750 to get it.

When the more important paintings began to come up, shortly after, there was a surge of enthusiasm. It started with a sensational discovery, a hitherto unrecorded Crucifixion by Jacob Cornelisz van Oostsanen, a rare Dutch primitive. Dated 1507, the Crucifixion is one of only 12 dated works by the artist, who spent most of his life in Amsterdam and is the first identifiable painter established in that city. The important icon climbed far above its high estimate and ended its course at \$607,500, courtesy of an American collector.

Next came two landscapes from a set of six by Paul Bril on the theme of the Twelve Months. One of the two, "January-February," was done by Bril while in Rome. It shows the Piazza del Popolo before its reconstruction in the Barcque age. This unique document, signed with the artist's device, a pair of spectacles — "bril" means just that in Flemish — is, in addition, fully documented from the time Thomas Howard, the earl of Arundel, acquired it in Rome in 1626. A fierce contest between European collectors sent it shooting up to \$266.500, doubling the high estimate.

It served as a prelude to the even more determined duel that pitched an English dealer against a New York dealer over Jan Davidsz de Heem's beautiful still life, last reproduced in a sale catalogue in 1912. The de Heem was not in mint condition, but once again the surprise effect worked. At \$1.54 million, three times the high estimate, it could not have done better.

The real surprise was yet to come. As one went around the viewing before the sale, one picture leaped off the walls, the portrait of a man praying painted on a panel. with light strokes of white gouache over blue, reminiscent of a technique used for drawings. The sitter's identity is established in Gothic gold lettering, "Jajkob] Hobrechi," a Flemish composer who died from the plague in Ferrara in 1505. The artist's style falls somewhere between that of Hans Memling and of the Maître de Moulins. The Kimbell Museum of Art in Fort Worth, Texas, came out on top in a straight contest against the Paul Getty Museum, setting a world record for a portrait by an unidentified artist at \$2,422,500 — four times the high estimate.

Never mind the numerous unwanted daubs and a few

failed pictures due to overestimation. It was a good day for the Kimball, for Sotheby's, and for the connoisseur. These, are now in full control. Where Old Masters are concerned.

The Human Body, Painted and Prefabricated

By Michael Gibson International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Three current exhioitions in Paris are devoted, quite coincidentally, to the representation of the buman body

The Musec Rodin is showing through April 11 a collection of items that had long been kept in Rodin's studio in Meudon, and which reveal how the artist worked serially at his numerous sculptures by combining "prefabricated" limbs, heads and torsos The Picasso Museum is devoting a small but illuminating show to the artist's representations of the Crucifixion and to some related works by Francis Bacon, Willern de Kooning, Gra-ham Sutherland and Renato Gut-have been such a theme, and one tuso. This exhibition, "Corps Cruci-fies," exhibition ends March 1, and then travels to the Museum of Fine

Schiele (to Feb. 27).
The Picasso show includes 34

these that one senses how thoroughinto account the constantly renewed ble in art, to redefine man's fate and his position in the world.

In a conversation with André Malraux. Picasso explained that be did not believe in artistic "subjects," but that he did believe in "themes, provided they are ex-pressed through emblems." Themes, in his view, included such things as "birth, pregnancy, suffering, murder, the couple, death, re-volt, possibly the kiss." The Crucifixion also seems to

may he struck by the way Picasso, in his series of Crucifixion drawings done in 1932, renders his subject Arts in Montreal (March 26 to May through an assemblage of forms 16). And the Musce de la Seita is somewhat reminiscent of dinosaur presenting a choice of 100 mordant bones. Here, as in most of the work and powerful drawings by Egon of Picasso's maturity, and as in the work of artists who came after him. like Bacon for instance, one notes works related to the Crucifixion, the fearful fragmentation of the hu-

drawn or painted by Picasso be-tween 1892, when he was 12, and 1962. It is in exhibitions such as stereotype. man form, which has, since then, become something of an academic stereotype. hangs above them is quite beyond expression. The Rodin exhibition af-viewing the Rodin exhibition af-

This fragmentation is particularly ly the old formalist approach to art striking in the Crucifixions, which has been replaced by one that takes are traditionally supposed to signify the suffering essence of man. The figure of the sufferin

which was eloquently expressed in the crucified figure for close to 2,000 years, has naturally been eroded by overuse. It has also been eclipsed in the collective imagination by the enormity of more recent horrors, including the death camps

Bacon, for instance, chooses not to represent the Crucifixion itself in a triptych, but only three figures at the base of the Crucifoxion. But these monstrous figures express a suffering so horrifying that it sug-gests that the unseen victim that

pression.

Studied under Gustav Klimt and evolved a highly individualistic, in-

ter the Picasso can be rather disqui- cisive idiom of his own that etched euing: Some 260 miniature arms. each feature in acid. It is typical legs, beads and torses were recently that a baby, in one of these porinventoried in Rodin's studio in traits, should have the long, aracha child assembles building blocks, before passing them on to craftsmen who enlarged and executed them for him.

The very notion of such a quasiindustrial approach to artistic creation may seem alien to the passionate vigor we associate with Rodin's production. Yet, there they are, all these little limbs, executed in plaster after original works by Rodin, but destined to be re-used in various combinations and permutations, in later works. Egon Schiele died of the Spanish

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typical, too, that Schiele occasionally gave as much prominence, both in color and graphic detail, to the genitals as he did to the face. There is, inherent to his style, a slightly perverse erotic irony that both praises and derides the body he depiets, stressing its quasi-simian aspects along with its seductive

power, and dismissing with equal irony any notion of anatomical exacmess. This, plus his fantastic virtuosity, provoked the lovable but utterly implausible Viennese

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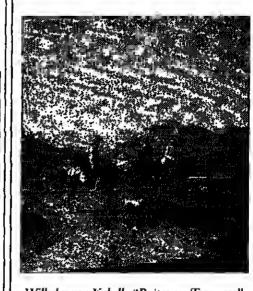
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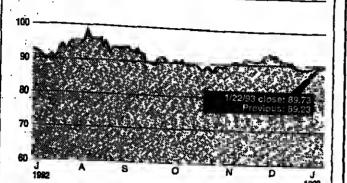
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ECONOMIC SCENE

Shorter-Term Borrowing: A Tool for Cutting Deficit?

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

EW YORK - There may be a way for the U.S. Treasury to put a bit more zing in the recovery while still reducing the budget deficit. How? By shortening the average maturity of government securities sold to the public, as a way of stimulating private investment and saving on federal interest

Benjamin Friedman, a Harvard economist, describes the idea as "a win-win situation," one that would reduce the federal deficit by a few billion dollars even if it did not provide much kick to the

premium adds billions

economy. And it could prove a political godsend for the new president, who must somehow The long-end show that he is on top of the economy's immediate problems without abandoning his emphasis on long-term solutions to lag-

to government funding costs. ging productivity growth.
The idea, as outlined last week by the Democratic Study

Group, the House Democrats' advisory panel, is simple, once the background is understood.

Washington covers its deficit spending by borrowing money for terms ranging from three months to 30 years. Interest rates vary, of course, according to market conditions when the debt is issued. But Uncle Sam'a borrowing costs are also related to the debt's average maturity: Investors generally demand higher yields on longer-term securities, to compensate for the greater risk of the debt's fluctuation in results.

At the end of World War II, the average maturity of government debt was close to 10 years. It slipped in subsequent decades as the Treasury worked to pare interest costs by rolling over old debt at ever shorter terms. By 1975, the figure had fallen to a mere two

years, eight months.

Since then, though, the Treasury has allowed the average maturity of its publicly held debt to climb to about six years. That simplified the practical problems of redeeming and reselling trillions of dollars of maturing securities. And for some years in the early 1980s, the longer maturities cost little or nothing extra the property of the course being held extraored high to clamb years, eight months. because short-term rates were being held extremely high to clamp

But the situation did lock Washington into hundreds of billions See FUNDING, Page 12

Insider to Head Bank of England

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — The British government on

Friday appointed Eddie George, deputy governor of the Bank of England, to take over as head of the central bank on July l. He replaces Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who had held the job since 1983.

Mr. George, 54, a 30-year veteran of the bank, has been its No. 2 since 1990. He has belped to weather some of the biggest crises in the institution's long history, notably those over the Bank of Credit & Commerce International and the pound's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism.

As governor, he may have a delicate path to tread in his relations with the government of Prime Minister John Major. The Bank of England is under direct political control through the chancellor of the Exchequer and seems likely to remain so for the foreseeable future, despite pressure from economists and the movement toward central bank independence among Britain's EC partners.

At a news conference after his appointment, Mr. George said the issue of an independent central bank was for politicians to decide, hat there was a "good case" for a separation of the setting of the goals and

execution of monetary policy.

Rupert Pennant-Rea, 45, editor of The

Economist magazine, was named deputy gov-ernor. He said at the news conference that he has written editorials supporting an independent bank and would continue to support

Mr. Leigh-Pemberton, unlike Mr. George, came to the helm of the central bank from

Eddie George, a 30-year veteran of the bank, faces a government that is

resisting giving the bank its independence.

ontside the institution, having previously been chairman of National Westminster Bank. At 66, he will be retiring in June. Sir David Walker, deputy chairman of Lloyds Bank, had also been considered a candidate for the governorship.

But Mr. George was the favorite, having helped rebuild the credibility of the central bank after the BCCI scandal, over which it was heavily criticized for failing to spot mas-sive fraud earlier than it did.

A tough anti-inflation monetarist, Mr. George is familiar with every detail of the day-to-day running of the bank.

At times, he has been a lone voice calling for policy change. He spoke out strongly against the excesses of the late 1980s borrowing and spending boom that is widely blamed for causing Britain's subsequent slump.

Mr. George will face enormous problems when he takes over. Britain remains mired in recession and the Conservative Party government has struggled to rebuild a cohesive eco-nomic policy after the ERM debacle.

And there is the independence issue. Un-der the Maastricht treaties, EC states would be required to have an independent central bank before proceeding to the later stages of proposed monetary union.

But a spokesman for Mr. Major said Friday that the prime minister was against making the Bunk of England independent "at this stage."

Political sources said Mr. Major saw monetary policy as something particularly sensi-tive in Britain, with its high proportion of home ownership and personal mortgages.

That position appeared to reverse a commitment given by the chancellor, Norman Lamont, when Britain was still in the ERM.

Supercomputing Systems, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. At the time, IBM

was concerned that Mr. Chen would

be financed by foreign competitors.
With IBM's backing and access to

its advanced technology, Mr. Chen has labored in secrecy for the last

five years in an attempt to surpass

his former employer.

Unlike Mr. Chen's designs, which rely on a few powerful computer processors, massively parallel machines employ hundreds or thousands of small, inexpensive chips.

Besides technology, IBM has

supplied Mr. Chen with top managers and has invested more than \$100 million, according to several

industry executives familiar with the project.
One of Mr. Chen's problems is

Airbus, Boeing Said to Agree on **Study of New Jet**

BONN — The four members of or 21 percent of its work force. Airbus Industrie have signed an agreement to join Boeing Co. to study the feasibility of building a new superjumbo jet, sources in the aircraft industry said Friday.

we'll need fewer people," said a spokesman, John Thom, who added that Douglas would cut sharply its production of MD-80 and MD-

The sources, who requested anonymity, said Boeing was to sign the

agreement later.
An agreement would cap a highly unusual period of negotiations. Airbus earlier this month insisted it was ready to cooperate with Boeing on a superjumbo, while Boeing maintained it was talking only to two of the four Airbus partners, Deutsche Aerospace AG and Brit-ish Aerospace PLC. Some industry analysts saw Boeing's claims as an effort to divide Airbus members.

A deal also would represent a noteworthy instance of coopera-

only one superjumbo, given that its market is expected to be limited and development costs are projected to be at least \$10 billion.

Aircraft makers also are feeling the hard times among the world's airlines, a fact underscored by two other developments Friday.

Donnell Douglas Corp.'s commer-cial-jet unit, Douglas Aircraft Co., port. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

Following the announcement, Boeing said it had agreed to delay the delivery of 26 aircraft to GPA Both Boeing and Airbus have indicated there will be room for only one superiumbo eigenvalue.

said it would cut about 4,000 jobs.

tled aircraft-leasing company GPA Group PLC presented creditors

with a three-part plan to restruc-ture its debt-burdened finances.

The pian calls for lenders to de

fer repayment of \$1 billion in prin-

cipal due this year to late 1996; for

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and Airbus to delay or cancel \$3 billion in deliveries scheduled for

1993 and 1994, and for GPA to sell

\$200 million in convertible bonds.

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In an excerpt of a report to be printed Saturday, the German daily Hamburger Abendblatt said the Airbus partners had agreed to the study, with a group of engineers to meet every six months. A spokes-man in Munich for Deutsche Aero-In Long Beach, California, Mc- space, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG,

Builders Pace U.S. Recovery

NEW YORK - Housing starts rose 5.5 percent in December, ending the year with their first annual gain since 1986, the government reported Friday. Builders broke ground for 18.5, percent more bouses last year than in 1991, indicating that housing is playing its traditional role in pacing the recovery. The catch is that the pace of new building is only half that of normal recoveries.

The annual rate of 1.3 million last month was the highest since last

March, and the increase was nationwide except for California. David Sciders, chief economist of the National Association of Homebuilders, attributed the recovery to lower interest rates and pentup demand. He forecast an increase of about 10 percent this year to

1.32 million, with gains restrained largely by the soft job market.

New unemployment claims rose 17,000 to 361,000 during the week ended Jan. 7, confirming a stagnant rather than a falling labor market. The rise merely offset a drop in claims over the holidays.

A Supercomputer Whiz Faces Defeat

By John Markoff

New York Times Service SAN FRANCISCO — The bold crusade of Steve S. Chen to build the world's fastest supercomputer may be nearing an end because his major partner, IBM, is backing out, several people familiar with the project say.
Mr. Chen, who is one of the

world's foremost supercomputer designers, may be the most visible casualty of International Business Machines Corp.'s financial woes.

Contributing to the project's troubles is the ascendancy of a competing technique, massively parallel processing, that promises to make extremely powerful com-puters much less expensive than the kind of machine Mr. Chen designs.

IBM had originally agreed to help finance the project through the end of 1992, and has since been helping his small company, Super-computing Systems Inc., meet its payroll on a week-by-week basis. Mr. Chen, meanwhile, has been

desperately seeking outside investors. To assist him in his search.

IBM recently helped retain the services of Bob O. Evans, a former the supercomputer maker. "We're creanceled an ambitious new massing the globe for funds."

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LUXEMBOURG — Owners

of millions of dollars in alleged

cocaine profits were allowed to

reclaim their money Friday af-

ter a trial that lawyers said

showed the weakness of this fi-

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Luxembourg's Court of Ap-peals upheld the 1992 convic-tions of Franklin Jurado Rodri-

guez and Edgar Garcia Montilla, two Colombians

charged with laundering drug

profits for a cocaine cartel based in Cali, Colombia.

But the court said it could not confiscate some \$36 million fro-

zen in bank accounts in Luxembourg and elsewhere in Europe because the money did not be-

long to the convicted men.
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was obliged to restore the funds
for purely juridical considerations," Judge Marie-Therese
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She ordered that money held in 33 banks in nine European countries be returned to the

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Agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency testified

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Luxembourg Ruling

Repays Drug Profits

Microsoft Is as Big as Blue

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. has pulled neck-and-neck with International Business Machines Corp. as the world's largest com-puter industry company in market value.

On Thursday, Microsoft shares closed at \$89.50, giving it a market value of \$27.12 billion based on its fully diluted 303 million shares outstanding, compared with IBM's market value of \$26.48 billion at Thursday's closing price of \$46,375.

IBM rose to close Friday at \$48,625 a share and Microsoft slipped to

\$89.375, putting IBM back shead by a few hundred million dollars.
IBM shares have taken a battering as the company has slashed its work force by 69,000 over the past two years in round after round of restructurings. IBM posted a \$4.97 billion loss for 1992.

IBM executive who now works at Chen came to prominence as a pro-Technologies, Strategies & Alli-ances, a consulting firm in Menlo Park, California, that specializes in creating corporate partnerships.

"It was evident, given IBM's problems, that they had to cut back somewhere," said another executive who is trying to find new capital for

ther-in-law of José Santacruz Londono, identified by the

DEA as leader of the Cali ring.

Castro Meza's wife, Esperanza and his daughter, Amparo, who is married to Mr. Londono.

The only money that could be confiscated, the judge ruled, was Mr. Jurado's salary from

his alleged work as a money launderer: some \$30,000.

imposed on Mr. Jurado and Mr.

Garda of five years in jail and fines of \$150,000 and \$300,000,

Friday's verdict dealt a blow

to the government, which had presented its money laundering law in 1989 as sign of its resolve to fight white-collar crime.

Prime Minister Jacques Santer called the legislation "the most severe laundering law in the world." But defense law-

yers Lex Thielen and Jean-Jacques Schonckert said the ver-dict showed "the law is full of

holes" because it is strong enough to hurt money launder-

ers, but not drng traffickers.

Last March, the parliament pingged the loophole that had forbidden the confiscation of

money from anyone not con-victed of breaking the law, but it was too late for the trial.

She upheld earlier penalties

The money will go to Mr.

Seymour S. Cray, Mr. Chen is credited with leading several design teams at Cray Research, pioneering Cray's most successful commercial machines, the X/MP and Y/MP. Mr. Chen left Cray at the end of 1987 after the supercomputer mak-

tege of the supercomputer pioneer

that his work is now scriously be-hind schedule. When he began to design the new system in 1988, he had initially planned to bring a computer to market in 1992.

But in the meantime, the market has begun moving away from the specialized ultrafast machines designed by Mr. Chen and his men-

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Cyclical Issues Lead A Modest Advance

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher NEW YORK — U.S. stock prices rose modestly Friday in heavy volume as investors snapped up cyclical issues in such industries as steel, autos and technology.

The Dow Jones industrial average, pulled back from its highs by a

N.Y. Stocks late bout of computer-driven sell orders, gained 3.79 to 3.256.81. The Dow had been as high as 3,267.34

Advancing stocks ournumbered decliners by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with about 295 milhon shares changing hands on the

The Nasdaq Combined Composite index rose 0.86 to a record high of 701.63. The Nasdaq composite has risen 17.6 percent in the past

three months. "Nasdaq stocks are flying, but you've got to ask yourself how much higher the index can go," said Dale Tilis, manager of institutional equities at Charles Schwab in San

Cyclical stocks typically rise as investor confidence in the overall economy grows, and Friday's gain followed a Commerce Department report that showed U.S. housing starts for December at their stron-

gest in nine months. Shares of steel manufacturers soared. The Standard & Poor's group of six steel shares is about 7 percent higher in the past two days, to an all-time high of 70.21.

The surge was touched off by reports that the Commerce Department was poised to slap large duties on foreign steel and reports of a planned price increase by LTV Corp. that could mean big earnings gains for steelmakers.

Bethlehem Steel surged 1% to 19%, USX-U.S. Steel Group Inc. rose 2% to 37% and Inland Steel gained % to 24%.

LTV rose 1/2 to 11/2, but the stock ended well off its session high of 2 after the company said the com-mon stock would be worth about 0.03 per share in a reorganization plan announced this week.

In auto stocks, Chrysler was up 1% to 39%, General Motors ahead % to 37% and Ford up % to 48. Software Publishing gained 3 14/16 to 12 14/16 on its earnings and Creative Technology jumped another 414 to 3414 after its results Thursday.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. jumped 5% to 621/2 after the company announced plans to eliminate 4,000 jobs. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Dollar in Technical Fall, Tensions Fade in ERM

Friday for the first time this year, while a continued easing of tensions in Europe's currency grid enabled Spain to cut interest rates.

The punt was barely changed at 2,6590 DM, while the French franc slipped slightly to 3.3818 to the mark from 3.3777. The peseta held most of its ground in spite of the half-point cut

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and the Irish punt and the French franc also were mostly steady, underscored the recent calm prevail-

ing among European currencies. The Bank of Spain cut a key repurchase rate to 13.25 percent from 13.75 percent in response, it said, to the "progressive normalization of the currency markets."

The cut was Spain's first since the upheavals in the exchange-rate mechanism that forced the government to devalue the peseta by 5 percent in September and another 6 percent in November.

The peseta ended in Europe at 70.79 to the mark, down from 70.74 Thursday but above Friday's lows. Analysts said more Spanish rate cuts were probably in the pipeline but that the central bank would have to tread carefully.

The dollar, meanwhile, fell below 1.60 DM in response mainly to technical factors, dealers said.

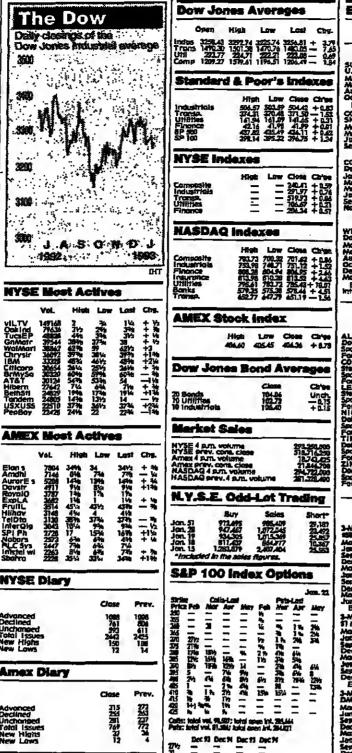
"The market tried going over the wall yesterday but failed at 1.62 resistance," said one U.S. bank dealer. "So now it's trying to tunnel out." The dollar also was hurt by a rise

in jobless claims in the latest week and comments by the Dallas Fed president, Robert McTeer, who said the Fed might have to pare interest rates again if the employ-ment picture did not brighten.

The dollar was quoted at 1,5900 DM at the close of trading, well down from 1.6141 Thursday.

It rose against the yen, which dealers said was hurt by speculation over a cut in Japanese interest rates as early as next week. The dollar gained to 125.11 yen from 124.93. The pound rallied to \$1.5312 from \$1.5225.

The dollar also eased to 1.4585 Swiss francs from 1.4798 and to



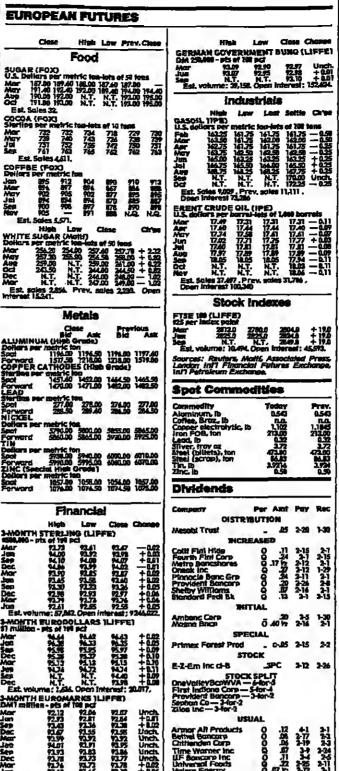
£700 Million for Jaguar

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LONDON - Ford Motor Co. has decided to invest £700 million (\$1.1 billion) in its British subsidiary Jaguar Cars during the next five years to develop new models and modernize factories, Jaguar said on Friday.

The investment is equivalent to about half the amount paid by Ford when it bought Jaguar for £1.6 billion in the late 1980s and is as much as Toyota invested in its new European factory at Burnaston in

Jaguar said the scale of the commitment should calm fears that jobs



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Investors Cheer Wal-Mart Stock Split

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. split its stock 2-for-1 on Friday and its shares shot up \$3 to close at \$62.50, a rise analysts said was largely due to buying by individual investors cheered by the split.

Linda Kristiansen, analyst at Wertheim Schroder, said past stock splits had also touched off buying sprees but the price gains tended to disappear over the following week or so. Wal-Mart, the biggest U.S. retailer, has split its stock nine times since 1970.

"You have a lot of retail or individual investors who get very enthusias-

retailer, has spin its stock nine times since 1970.

"You have a lot of retail or individual investors who get very enthusiastic," said Patrick McConnack, an analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds.

Ms. Kristiansen of Wertheim said Wal-Mart typically split its stock
each time the price breaks through \$60. "It's widely held and they do not
like to let the price go too high," she said.

USG Reaches Accord to Pare Debt

CHICAGO (Combined Dispatches) - USG Corp. announced Friday

that it had reached agreement with its creditors to restructure \$2.7 billion in debt and dramatically lower interest rates on bank loans.

The agreement will let USG, the biggest U.S. manufacturer of wallboard and plaster, pare its debt to \$1.6 billion, cut interest payments by two-thirds and avoid protracted bankruptcy proceedings.

USG's bonds surged this month amid speculation the company was close to an agreement with bondholders.

(AP, Bloomberg)

Checchi Stepping Down at Northwest

NEW YORK (NYT) — Alfred A. Checchi, who led the investor buyont of Northwest Airlines in 1989 and expanded the airline through turbulent times, plans to withdraw from running the carrier after completing several key financial steps, airline executives familiar with the planned changes said Friday.

"He is going to stay in there until the company is in safe harbor," a Northwest executive close to Mr. Checchi said. After that, he will assume

the role of a largely passive investor who would be ready to step in again if needed, the executive said.

When Mr. Checchi took over Northwest in a \$3.65 billion buyout in the fall of 1989, he expected Steven G. Rothmeier, then Northwest's chairman, to stay on. Instead, Mr. Rothmeier and some other key executives resigned shortly after the takeover. So it was Mr. Checchi who has been, at most times, the hand that guided the company.

California Pension Fund Picks Targets

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — The California Public Employees'
Retirement System said Friday it was targeting 12 companies to improve shareholder returns and had already reached agreements for change with more than half of them.

Calpers, which oversees \$71 billion in state pension funds, also said that it was meeting with the company's independent directors, rather than just with the company's management team, as a more efficient way.

Calpers, one of the largest pension funds in the United States, said it. had reached agreements with seven of the companies and the remainingfive had agreed to hold talks. In recent years, the fund has played an' active role trying to strengthen shareholder rights in order to generate.

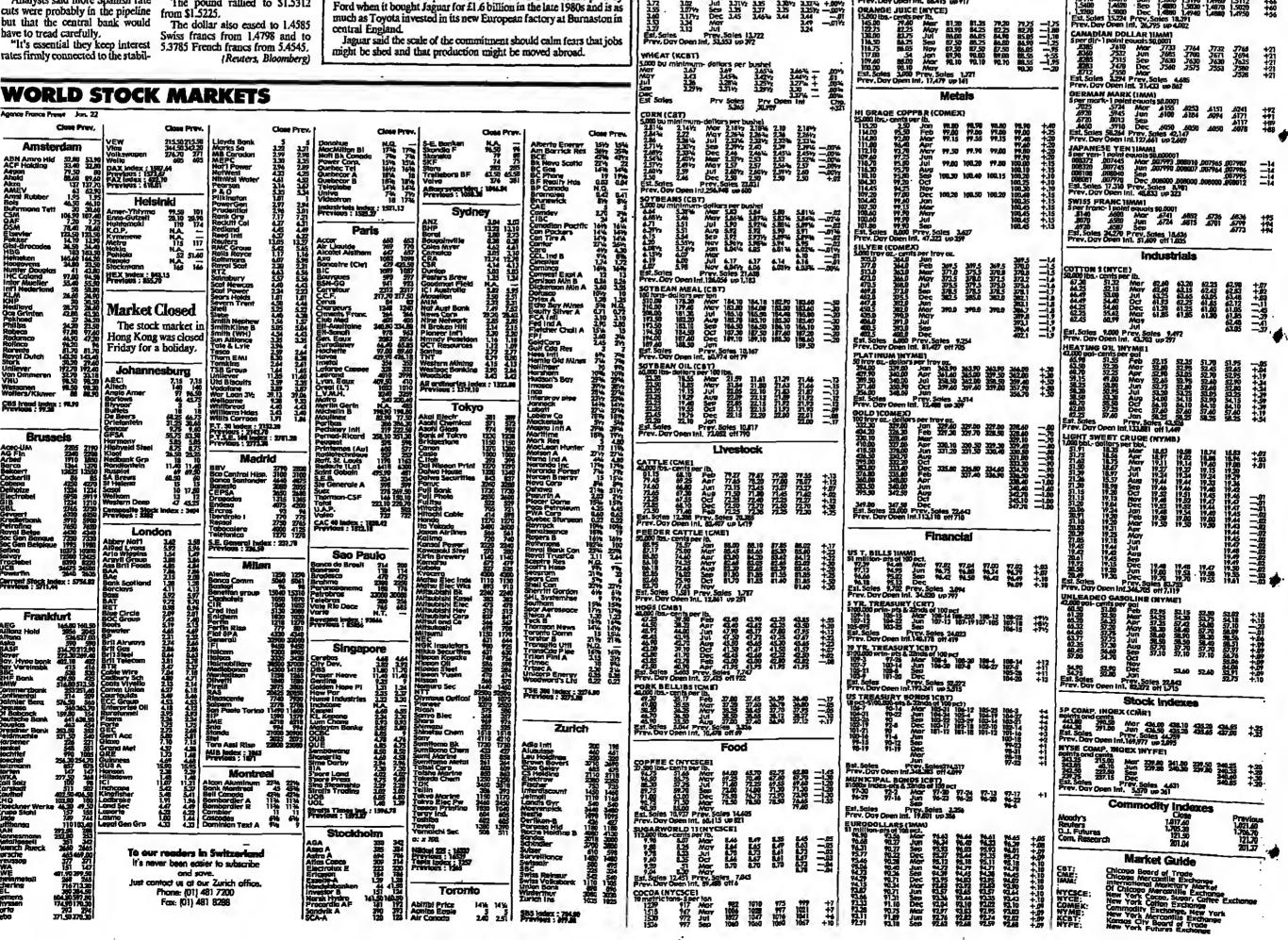
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Texas Instruments Swings Into Profit

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Instruments Inc. said Friday it had earned \$78 million in the fourth quarter of 1992, completing a yearlong turnaround from losses. The chipmaker's net income compared with a loss of \$85 million in the same quarter a year ago, Revenue rose 12 percent, to \$1.99 billion, from \$1.75 billion.

For the year, Texas Instruments earned \$247 million, or \$2.50 a share," compared with a loss of \$409 million, or \$5.40 a share, in 1991. Revenue for the 12 months was \$7.44 billion, up 10 percent from \$6.78 billion.

Sales of semiconductors exceeded \$4.02 billion last year, up from \$3.47.



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Lure of Banking in Germany EC Banks Can Enter Now, but Not Easily

By Sarah Utley AFP-Exsel News

FRANKFURT - New European Community banking rules adopted Jan. 1 will encourage foreign banks to set up shop in Germany, but will oot remove all the burdles that banks face in trying to penetrate and operate in the German market, analysts and industry sources say.

High corporate taxes, strict capital-adequacy requirements and an abundance of retail banks will ensure that Germany remains a tough market for foreign banks, they said.

At the same time, foreign banks "can't afford to miss out" on profit opportunities in Europe's largest ecooomy, said Beatrix Eisenblätter, analysi at Schröder Münchmeyer Hengst.

Despite the economic slowdown in Germany in 1992, most German banks showed rising profits because they manage more than 1.6 trillion Deut-sche marks (\$993 billion) in financial assets owned

by companies and households.

The new EC banking regulations are opening the door to this market a crack wider. They give every bank in the Community the right, or a socalled "European passport," to set up a branch in Germany without conforming to German capital requirements and banking regulations. A foreign bank's branch is now regulated mostly by its home banking legislation.

However, despite the harmonization of EC banking rules, such a branch is still not allowed to trade securities or conduct retail business in Germany if its home-country laws prohibit universal banking. Also, a foreign bank's branch pays higher taxes in Germany than a subsidiary incorporated under German law. Taxes oo branches in Germaoy are considerably higher than in any other Community country.

On the other hand, an incorporated subsidiary must meet the Bundesbank's stringent require ments on providing security against its lending risk exposure. These requirements are far more costly than elsewhere in Europe and can tie up more than 8.4 percent of a bank's capital.

At present, 180 foreign banks operate in Germaoy, with an estimated market share of 5 percent and total business volume of some 285 billion DM. Two-thirds of them are incorporated under German law and the rest are branches, according to the Association for Foreign Banks in Germany.

But foreign banks, such as Japanese institutions, which limited themselves mostly to financing Japaoese clients, have found it hard to show a profit, analysts said. In 1991, according to a report by the association, many Japanese banks operating in Germany made a loss.

Analysts agreed that the key to success for a foreign bank in Germany lay in developing invest-ment-management portfolios or in breaking inm the German retail-banking sector by taking over a domestic bank. Crédit Lyonnais 100k such a step last year when it acquired a majority stake in BfG Bank, Germany's sixth largest bank, with almost 2,000 retail outlets through out the country.

Crédit Lyonnais also gained access in some of the 50 billion DM held by Aachener & Münchener Beteiligungs AG, a company which is the parent of BfG and allows BfG to manage the funds.

Analysis agree that opportunities to penetrate the German retail-banking market are very rare and highly expensive. Apart from Credit Lyonnais, they mentioned only Citicorp's takeover of German Property of the Company of the Compan many's KKB Bank.

"Citibank was extremely successful in the managing of its takeover of KKB Bank," said Manfred Piontke, analysi at Bank Julius Bar. "Retaining the German oame was a good marketing move, playing on customer loyalty," he said. Citicorp took a majority stake in KKB Bank in 1973, but waited until 1991 to change the German bank's oame to Citibank Privatkunden AG.

Ralf Scheibach, manager of the Association for Foreign Banks, said Citicorp, which is oow the largest foreign bank in Germany, made a "hefty investment in KKB Bank, but it paid off."

Crédit Lyonnais may also have to wait a while before it sees a good return on its investment of 1.4 billion DM in BfG Bank, analysts said.

Russia Sells U.S.-British Group Fewer Firms In German Coal Deal Than Hoped

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consortium is in a position to break MOSCOW - Russia's privatizainto Germany's closed energy market through the purchase of a major tion minister gave a mixed midbrown-coal mining company, Mit-teldeutsche Braunkohle AG, in term report Friday on the sell-off of state-owned companies, which Eastern Germany. has raised more cash than the gov-The Treuband privalization ernment had planned but has also agency said Friday in Berlin that it

sold far fewer firms. Interfax ocws agency quoted Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli B. would oegotiate the sale of the company, known as Mibrag, with a group led by Powergen PLC and NRO Energy Inc. NRO is a unit of Chubais as saying that only 19 percent of Russian companies had Northern States Power Co., based been sold in the first year of the in Minneapolis. government's big privatization It plans to conclude the sale of

Moscow had originally planned Mibrag, based in Bitterfeld in the to sell 50 percent of all firms and state of Saxony-Anhalt, within six enterprises last year in what it de- months. scribed as the biggest sale of state assets in the world, "Chubais attributes the slow pace of privatization to bureaucratic problems in processing the documents required." Interfax said.

But it said the sales had raised 156 groups Western Germany's largest billion rubles (\$316 million), more utility companies and is led by than twice the amount forecast. Interfax said almost 47,000 Rus-Mibrag, one of two huge brown-coal operations in the east. sian enterprises had been sold off

by the end of last year, including 27,000 small firms. Separately, Fyodor Prokopov, the bead of the state employment service, said he expected the number of unemployed to rise by the end of this year to between 4 and 6 million from 577,000 at the end of 1992. Six million out of work would

about 8.5 percent. "But it is oot a social catastrophe compared with rates in other countries in Europe and America," he

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investors have come to realize that brown coal presents a golden opportunity for profit, because it is a cheaper energy source than hard coal or ouclear power.

A Treuhand spokesman said the foreign group had offered a higher price and promised to invest billions of Deutsche marks in Mibrag. which, together with Lausitzer Braunkohle AG, provided 85 percent of the electricity in East Germany under the old regime. Treuhand sources said the group

had offered to pay about 1 billion DM (\$621 million) for Mibrag. It would retain only around half of the current work force of 26,900.

Mibrag, based in Bitterfeld in the The German group, which includes Veba AG PreussenElektra AG and Bayernwerk AG, is buying the other East German mining com-pany, Lausitzer Braunkohle, and the region's electricity oetwork.

■ Eastern Shipyard Is Sold Another consortium, which One of Eastern Germany's big-gest shipyards, Volkswerft Stralsund, has been sold to a West German consortium led by Hanse AG, had also wanted to purchase Schiffs- & Maschinenbau GmbH, the Treuhand announced Friday, according to an Agence France-Presse dispatch from Berlin.

buying into the East German The consortium has agreed to retain 2,175 of the yard's 3,300 embrown-coal industry because of the prospect of huge bills for environployees and invest 637 million DM by 2005. mental clean-up and modernization. But over time, analysts said,

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Very briefly:

 The Swiss government said a pact giving the European Community road-freight transit rights across Switzerland had come into force after Brussels pledged to hold talks on access to the EC market for Swissair. • Benetton Group SpA is starting a chain of hard-currency stores in Cuba to sell to foreign tourists, and is considering producing clothes there. · Aer Lingus' chairman, Bernie Cahill, met Ireland's new transport minister Brian Cowen, to discuss a rescue plan for the state carrier.

Deutsche Babcock AG's oet profit for the year ended Sept. 30 leaped 138 percent to 76 million DM. . UNI Storebrand New, the insurer that took over the business of the collapsed UNI Storebrand, intends to cut operating costs in 1993 by 7.5

percent, or 344 million kroner (\$50.7 million) without layoffs. · Asea Brown Boveri AB's ABB Traction unit has received a 1 billion kronor (\$140 million) order from the Swedish state railroad for 14 class X2000 high-speed trains; ABB is also buying the protection relay division of the Czecb company ZPA Trutnov for an undisclosed amount.

• International Coffee Organization delegates from major coffee producing and consuming countries meet Monday in London for two weeks of talks aimed at finding a new agreement on export quotas.

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TRADE: Japan's Habits Linger

(Continued from first finance page) tration offers Japan a chance to

"It is the first important step

toward more competition in the

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Dopke, an analyst at M.M. War-

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Initially, investors were wary of

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oegotiations to unlock barriers in the Japanese market. She also urged a continuation of wide-ranging talks oo structural differences a forum Tokyo has said it would likely to see broadened by the in-

Tokyo has been preparing for renewed calls to stimulate its domestic demand. It is readying a package of tax cuts and public works spending that could pump an additional 8 trillion yen (\$64.15 billion) into the economy. Details will likely be set in time for Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to brief Mr. Clinton during their first meeting, which is expected as soon as March or as late as early May.

But there is little sign that Tokyo is prepared to oegotiate new demands on access. If anything, Tokyo has been going on the defen-sive, a reminder of its traditional negotiating style of yielding grudgingly, and only after foreign pressure threatens to boil over.

Although the Clinton adminis-

create a more equal relationship and take greater initiative, Japan's ability to do so is hampered by economic and political factors. In 1985, the last time Japan's trade surplus hit the stratosphere, the Plaza Accord was struck to double the value of the yen. Japanese manufacturers moved capacity offshore and poured buge sums into re-search to develop new technologies for upscale products and manufacturing efficiency.

Now, however, Japan's economy is in the doldrums; the focus is oot

on expansion, but restructuring. At the same time, the nation's pobtical leadership has been weakened by a series of scandals, making members of the governing Liberal Democratic Party more sensitive to the perception of being bullied.

"The LDP is in trouble, and if it looks like they're just being pushed around they'll resist," said Robert M. Orr, director of the Institute for Pacific Rim Studies at Temple University in Japan.

Britain Unveils Rail Sell-Off

Comptled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — The government presented Parliament with its plan to privatize unprofitable British Rail on Friday by selling freight services and offering franchises on passenger service while maintaining government control over tracks and signals.

Transport Secretary John MacGregor said the proposal, which aims to award the first passenger franchises oext year, would improve service, but the opposition Labor Party predicted entrepre-

neurs would pick up only the profitable routes,

The plan also would allow the sale of regional transportation bodies, including the London Underground. Mr. MacGregor said government subsidies would continue for some time. (AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

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FUNDING: Can Shorter-Term Borrowing Help to Cut the U.S. Deficit?

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of dollars in long-term obligations paying more than 10 percent inter-est even as inflation was on the way out and interest rates were ready to

And even when the Federal Re-serve drove down short-term inter-est rates in the recent recession, the Treasury continued to sell longterm notes and bonds at premiur

Today, an investor can reap about 3 percentage points more interest on a seven-year Treasury se-curity than on a three-month one - a difference that by almost everyone's calculation adds billions annually to the government's bor-

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rowers to pay more for credit. And this, in turn, is slowing the recovery by dampening private investment.

Mr. Friedman estimates that

More important, in Mr. Friedman's view, that forces private borrowers to pay more for credit. And this, in turn, is slowing the recovery get savings of about \$10 billion annually from refinancing of the government's \$2.2 trillion publicly held debt.

Robert Giordano of Goldman, Sachs doubts the savings could be

By one estimate, shifting just one-quarter of sales of new longer-term debt to shortterm securities would cut long-term interest rates by a half percentage point.

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shifting just one-quarter of sales of new longer-term debt to short-term securities would cut long-term in-Washington stopped selling seventerest rates by a half percentage point. Barry Nalebuff of the School Organization and Management private mortgage and but Yale estimates a potential bud-

year notes, the government security that competes most directly with

If shortening the average debt maturity is really a great idea, why didn't the Bosh administration take it and run?

One possible explanation is that the technical questions of debt management were simply left to civil servants, who were constitutionally reluctant to rock the boat.

A more plausible one is that

President George Bush's advisers were happy to see ailing banks profiting on the fat spread between the rates they paid depositors and the higher yields on their invest-ments in Treasury securities—and

never reckoned with the urgency of beating back the recession. But this White House is not likey to miss a chance to pick up a few billion dollars in budgetary sav-

Priday's Prices

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.

This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - The Reserve Bank won a skirmish in its battle against speculators by boosting the Austra-lian dollar Friday, but the struggle spilled over into the political arena as the government lashed back at opposition criticism of its policies. Treasurer John Dawkins accused the opposition leader, John Hewson, of "inciting financial-market insta-

bility" by suggesting that Australia's central bank had run its reserves too low in defending the dollar. Mr. Hewson, a Harvard-trained economist, said earlier this week the Reserve Bank might have to raise interest rates to defend the Australian dollar because its re-

serves had fallen to a "precariously low" 8 billion dollars (\$5.4 billion). The Reserve Bank has said that the currency's weakness precludes a rate cut even though the nation's low inflation and economic weakness ordinarily would warrant one.

The central bank spent about 12 billion dollars defending its currency in 1992, only to see it drop 9 percent over the year.

The effort worked Friday as the dollar rose to 67.30 U.S. cents from a six-year low of 66.35 on Thursday. But traders said the dollar renamed vulnerable because of uncertainty ahead of elections expected in February or March.

Mr. Dawkins took the unusual step Friday of issuing a statement defending the central bank as having acted "in a highly responsible

and professional manner."

Mr. Hewson shrugged off criticism of his comments. "This government always blames somebody else," he said in a radio interview. They've been there for 10 years. They have no plan; they have no answer. What the financial markets are now doing is simply reflecting (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Chips Are Down for Japan Minebea's Exit Part of a Big Retrenchment

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Japanese companies took over the computer memory-ship market io the 1980s by withstanding heavy losses that drove most American companies out of the business. Now the losses are becoming too heavy even for some Japanese companies, and a shakeout is be-ginning here.

The strongest sign of the trend came Thursday when Minebea Co., primarily a maker of ball bearings, said it planned to leave the chip business and was negotiating to sell its NMB Semicon-ductor unit to Nippon Steel Corp.

"It signifies the beginning of the rationalization of the Japa-

nese semiconductor industry, said Jeffrey Frey, a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Maryland. "The smaller companies are going to need the help of the larger companies

Other Japanese companies also are re-evaluating their chip businesses. In particular, they are dropping or cutting production of dynamic random-access memory chips, or D-RAMs, the majo information storage medium for computers and a main-Stay of most Japanese producers. Oki Electric Co., which suf-

fered such heavy losses in its chip business that its top management was replaced last year, is restructuring the business and analysts say it will be difficult for the company to remain a signifi-cant D-RAM producer.

Saoyo Electric Co. has stopped mass-producing such chips. And officials at Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., the consumer-electronics giaot known for its Panasonic products, have said the company will

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oo longer engage in a mindless race to produce each orw generation of memory chip. Instead, Matsushita officials said, the company will concentrate on producing more specialized

chips for its own products.

The five largest Japanese chip
producers — Toshiba Corp.,
NEC Corp., Hitachi Ltd., Fojitsu Ltd. and Mitsubishi Electric Corp. — remain committed to D-RAMs, although they are also trying to diversify to more specialized circuits and to flash memories, a newer type of chip that could replace disk drives for

permanent data storage. In the last two years, the D-RAM market has suffered from

The smaller companies need the help of the larger companies to survive.

low prices and stiff competition from South Korean companies, which have copied Japan's earlier tactie of entering the semiconductor business by starting with memory chips, which are relatively easy to design.

In the last few months, the D-RAM business has staged a strong recovery as a result of booming demand for personal computers in the United States. In addition, the U.S. Commerce Department reached a preliminary decision last October to levy anti-dumping tariffs on imports of Korean D-RAMs, which should increase sales of Japanese

Still, the long-term trends do oot bode well for smaller companies in the D-RAM business, Because the cost of building an advanced factory is several hundred million dollars and rising even large companies are banding together to share the

new generations of chips. Sueb prognoses, however, have not seemed to discourage Japan's steel companies, which are trying desperately to diversify. However difficult the semicooductor business might be, it is considered an industry with a brighter future than steel.

Nippon Steel, the world's largest steel company, set up a semiconductor laboratory two years ago but has not yet started sell-iog chips. Buying control of NMB Semiconductor will accelerate its move into the business.

NMB Semiconductor is a relatively small producer that concentrated on D-RAMs. It has heavy debts and large losses that have severely hurt the performance of its parent company. The company had a set loss of 13.8 billion yes (\$110.7 million) on sales of 19 billion yes in the year ended Sept. 30, 1992.

Minebea and Nippon Steel executives say terms of any purchase have not yet been decided. Bot Nihon Keizai Shimbun, the financial newspaper that first reported the negotiations, said Nippon Steel was expected to buy Minebea's entire 60 percent stake in NMB for roughly 30 billion yen.

Among other steelmakers, Kobe Steel Ltd. owns a plant in Japan with Texas Instruments Inc. and Kawasaki Steel Corp. has worked with LSI Logie Corp., also of the United States.

Japan Carmakers Fear Retaliation

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Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO - Japan's automobile industry, whose products account for 63 percent of the country's tiade surplus with the United States, is bracing for a rough ride after the announcement Friday that Japan's overall surplus hit a record \$107 billion in 1992.

Last year's merchandise trade surplus was the direct result of a sluggish economy. Most economists say both the trade surplus and slow economy will be around for many months to come.

Japan's 1992 surplus with the Umted States rose 13.6 percent to \$43.7 billion. The surplus with the European Community, which like the United States is increasingly impacent with Japan, expanded 14 percent to \$31.2 billion.

"This is very troubling," said Yutaka Kume, chairman of Nissan Motor Co. and head of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Asso-

The large auto-related trade surphus with the United States has made Japan a central target for U.S. automakers seeking protective measures from the government. The auto surplus with the EC is

Tokyo Stocks at 2-Month Low

TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market's Nikkei 225 average fell

Friday to its lowest level in two months after Japan's finance minister said he was not considering measures to support the market.

The Nikker lost 201.87 points, or 1.2 percent, to 16,336.81, its lowest close since Nov. 17, in light trading of 180 million shares. Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi also said there was no oeed to

cut personal income taxes. The comment seemed to contradict a

"It didn't help that they don't want to do this tax thing," said

Louis Tseng, director of derivatives trading at CS First Boston. "But

oews report Thursday suggesting taxes may be lowered.

I think the market was primed for a downturn anyway."

also causing increasing friction.

Japan's carmakers, who are reeling from one of the worst domestic downturns in decades, are preparing themselves for the worst from the new Clinton team. Their first concern is that President Bill Clintoo may impose a 25 percent tariff on imported minivans.

Nobuhiko Kawamoto, president of Honda Motor Co., on Friday expressed regret that General Motors, Chrysler and Ford seemed to be moving towards a more self-protective strategy. "The most desirable thing is the maintenance of

free-trade principles," he said. Japan exported \$22.5 billion worth of passenger cars to the United States last year. The figure was actually 4.7 percent below the 1991 total, in part because Japan's automakers have increased their production in the North America.

Japanese auto exports to the European Community, Japan's second largest export market, fell 6.7 percent on the year to \$4.2 billion.

Some of the toughest criticism ahead is bound to come from the EC, which is sliding into its own slowdown, said Peter Hartnett, an economist at Schroder Securities.

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• Japan's three-month CD rate fell to 3.70 percent, equal to its record low, from 3.72 percent Thursday as speculation intensified that the Bank of Japan would cut its discount rate: a 201.87 point decline in the Nikkei average, to 16,336.81, beightened talk of a cut as early as next week.

Campbell Soup Co. said it had received acceptances from holders of

938,631 Arnotts shares, or less than 1 percent, since raising its offer to 9.50 dollars (\$6.39), and said it was oow confident of winning: Arnotts shares glosed at 9.52 dollars.

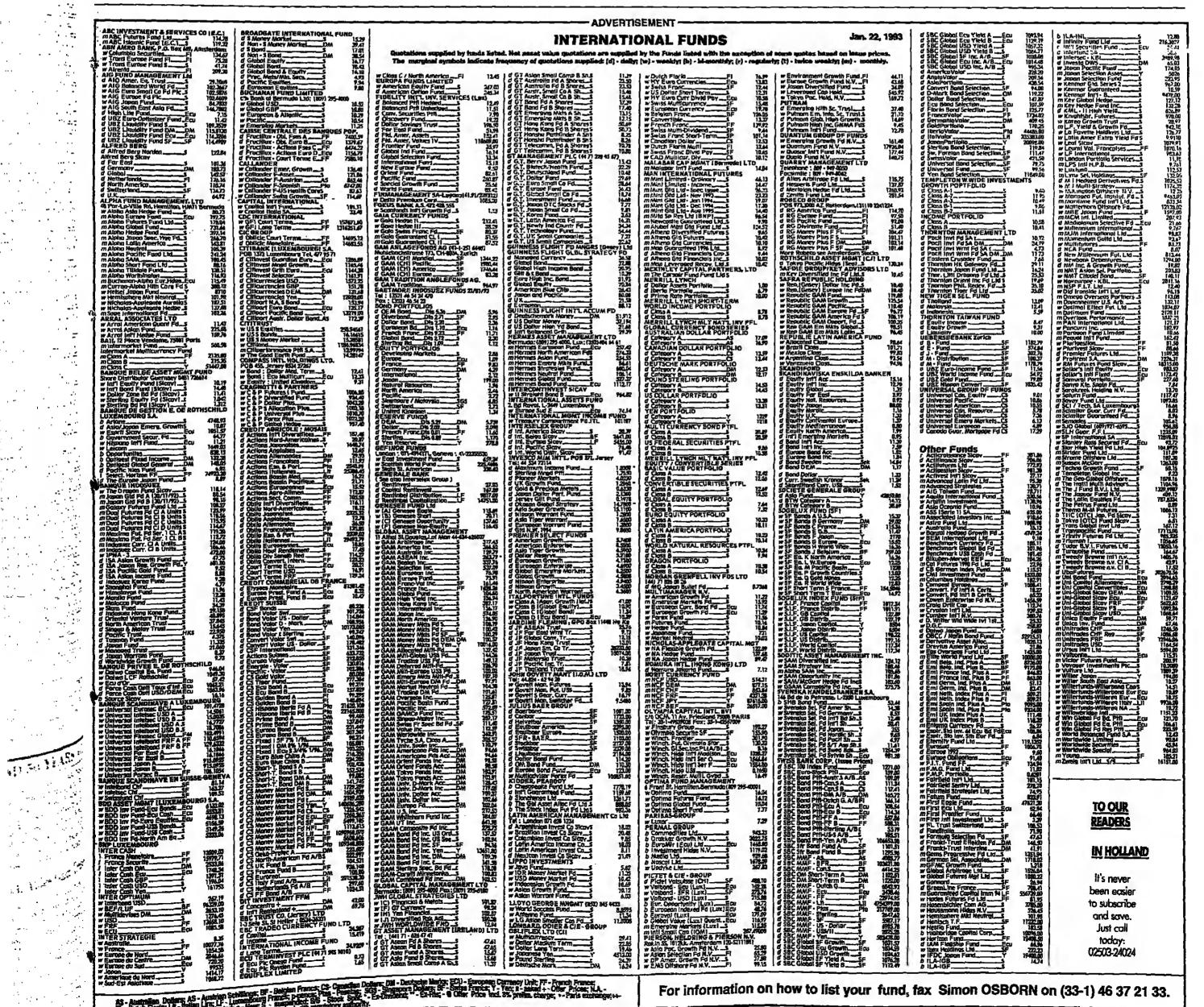
Australia said it planned to retain wheat trading links with Iraq despite renewed Gulf hostilities and unpaid debts of 600 million dollars.

• India's prime minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, said foreign companies were keen to invest in India despite recent riots, including Royal Dutch/-Shell, Unilever, Siemens, Asahi Glass Co. and Euron Corp.; the central bank shief said more must be done to convert such interest into reality. Oki Electric Industry Co. said it would dissolve its Puerto Rican printed

year because of price compeniuon. · Group of Seven finance ministers and central bank governors may meet in Tokyo as early as oext next month, according to press reports.

circuit-board joint venture with Hewlett Packard Co. by the end of this

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For Cavalry To Arrive

VEN though President Clinton has looked good on camera this past week, oot everything will follow the scripted happy endings — as the fumbled Zoe Baird nomination has altered. ready demonstrated. For financiers and economists, the real and very worrying ques-tion whether the cavalry will arrive too late. The recovery has been threatening to fi-

nally breast the hill and appear on the skyline for some time now. Economists have been remarking on the distant thrumming of hooves on the plain for months. But, when a new economic life force arrives, what will there be left to save?

You can answer that question any oumber of ways. A geographic analysis throws up broadly the same answer on three continents. In North America, Europe and Asia (apart from the booming Pacific rim, which knows all about collapses but doesn't seem to understand the meaning of the word re-cession), the response is: "There'll be plenty left for a sustained recovery, but it will be led from unexpected areas."

Uoexpected, that is, unless you take the view that the developed economies have pro-duced gigantic companies that were ready to go the way of the mammoth. That is oot to say that giant corporations like IBM, whose results this week were just as bad as expected, are about to become extinct; they simply have to evolve from mammoths into elephants to survive. General Motors and the Japanese banks should take note of IBM's

avowed intention to break itself up.

Aside from the United States itself, the Clinton presidency is probably more important for Japan than for any other country. The trade dispute between the two countries needs extraordinarily careful handling.

The best-case scenario would be for President Clinton to persuade the Japanese that there really is such a thing as protectionism, as opposed to loyal nationalistic consumer choice in the Japanese market. That will be the time to buy warrants, or funds investing in warrants, in second-rank Japanese corporations. The only problem is that times have been so tough for Tokyo shares that the warrant market may oot survive - in which case, the cavalry will have arrived too late.

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Luxury Business: Slump With a Silver Lining

By Aline Sullivan ORGET the arguments over the Clinton effect, and whether it exists or not. Some sectors just don't need it. Take luxury goods manofacturers as an example: This surprisingly evergreen band of companies has always done well, even in the toughest of times.

This past week provided dramatic support

for the pro-luxury goods argument when Yves Saint Laurent, styled by some as the king of Paris couture, announced the sale of his business. YSL is to be swallowed up by the perfume and cosmetics division of the French petrochemicals giant Elf Aquitaine at a cost of 3.6 billion French francs (\$645 million). And all this at a time when analysts had been expressing concern over the financial bealth of the company. Earnings forecasts bad been revised down to 130 million francs for 1992, compared with 233 million a vear earlier.

In the teeth of a world recession, the sale of YSL to the state-owned company represents a triumph, in financial terms at least, for Mr. Saint Laurent and his business partner, Pierre Berge, Their recent business history, after 30 years of building YSL's reputatioo in haute couture, well illustrates just

how durable luxury goods stock can be. Back in 1989, Mr. Saint Laurent had investors on the Paris stock market eating out of the palm of his hand. An offer of 400,000 shares at 853 French francs each was oversubcribed a staggering 257 times. The offer was postponed four days, and investors were required to put up a deposit equal to the

value of the shares they wished to purchase. This deterred short-term speculators, but the

final offer was still oversubscribed 27 times. Two-and-a-half years later, Yves Saint Laurent shares had dropped about 40 per-cent. The company, which generates most of its sales from perfume, suffered the effects of recession, competitioo and exchange rate fluctuatioos. Analysts were questioning whether YSL had the financial muscle to meet future product launch costs, although some said the shares were worth buying in case the company became an acquisition target. How right they were.

The YSL experience, bowever, is not universal. Investors in Christian Dior, another French fashion house, have had a grim experience in recent years. Shares in the company have dropped almost 50 percent since they were sold to the public a year ago. The simple fact is that the recession of the early 1990s has depressed demand for huxury goods. Consumers have focused on value for money at the expense of designer labels — although with the sale of YSL, speculation about the possibility of further takeovers is beginning to hot op.

Analysts, however, are counseling cantion. "Shares in luxury goods companies are attractive oow if investors are prepared to take a long-term view," said Patrick Kirby, a retail analyst at Nikko Europe in Loodon. "Once the Japanese market recovers, there should be more interest from consumers in Japan and other markets in the Far East."

Analysts also advise that the Japanese and continental European markets will not show a sustained recovery until 1994 at the earli-

est. Demand in the United States, the biggest market for luxury goods, is beginning to rise as the country's economy improves, but val-ue of the dollar against the French franc (still considered low by many, despite the green-back's recent strong showing continues to undermine sales. For the next year, at least, shares in luxury goods companies are likely

to remain depressed.

LVMH (Louis Vnitton Moët Hennessy), the biggest luxury goods company in the world, has had a tough year. Over the past three mooths, its share price has underperformed the French stock market as a whole by around 10 percent. During the first nine mooths of 1992, wine and spirits sales fell 7

percent and luggage turnover was flat.

The company was saved from going into a nosedive by its perfume and beauty products division, which recorded a 26 percent rise in sales over the first nine months of the year. Heavy investments in two oew fragrances, Dune and Amarige, started to pay off but are below the company's expectations.

"It seems imprudent to expect a sustained recovery in LVMH's earning growth until well into 1994," said Mr. Kirby. "Slowing economic growth in continental Europe, coupled with the current downturn in Japan, will ensure that consumer confidence in these markets remains noder pressure

throughout next year."

LVMH is unique. No other publicly owned company offers investors exposure to such a broad range of luxury goods businesses. The problem for investors seeking the chance to profit from economic recovery by investing in luxury goods companies is that most of the firms are privately owned. Those that are listed on stock exchanges commonly have multifarious interests unrelated to luxury goods. Even LVMH has a 23 percent stake in the Anglo-Irish brewing group

Nevertheless, a oumber of major stock exchange quoted groups have exposure to the luxury goods market through subsidiaries. They may oot offer the growth potential of LVMH during economic boom periods like the late 1980s, but their diversity offers insurance against the volatility of the luxury goods market.

One such is Richemont, a Swiss holding company quoted oo the Zurich stock exchange that controls several of the world's leading luxury goods companies. These include Cartier, the French watch and jewelry maker, and Dunhill, the diversified British luxury goods group. Richemoot also owns a small stake in Yves Saint Laurent. All told, Richemoot derives about 40 percent of its profits from luxury goods. Most of the remainder is made up of tobacco sales through its majority-owned British subsidiary Roth-

Richemont shares some characteristics with BAT, the British tobacco and financial services giant. But instead of pumping the cash flow from its tobacco business into insurance, as BAT has done, Richemoot has opted for luxury goods, businesses such as Cartier and Mootblane, the German luxury pen manufacturer owned by Dunhill, require beavy marketing investment to maintain

their brand image. The tobacco side of Richemoot is fairly stable while the luxury goods has slowed down in the past year," said Felicity Smith, Swiss market analyst at Hoare Govett in London." She expects Richemont shares to "remain dull" until 1994, when luxury goods sales will rise.

Several of the Richemont subsidiaries are partially quoted on their respective stock exchanges. Dunhill, which is 57 percent owned by Rothmans, is 43 percent publicly owned. In recent years, the company has diversified from its smokers accessories business so that this now accounts for less then 5 percent of Dunhill's sales, More emphasis has been placed on high-ticket items such as luggage. Dunhill also owns luxury pen maker Montblanc and women's fashion house Chloé.

Analysts applaud Dunhill's product mix. However, the company's position as the No. 1 male luxury brand in Japan has made it vulnerable to the downturn in that country's economy. The Far East accounted for 46

percent of Dunhill's sales last year.
"Dunhill looks quite cheap compared with other British stocks," said Ian Macdougall, a retail analyst at Nomura Research Institute Europe. "The company has taken a beating in the luxury goods market recently because Japanese buyers are its biggest customers. But the U.S. is its second biggest market and the ecooomy there is picking up." He rates Dunhill a "long-term buy."

SMH is another Swiss company heavily exposed to the luxury goods market. The company, whose full name is the Swiss Corporation for Microelectronics and Watchmaking Industries Ltd., is the world's leading Swiss manufacturer of watches and watch movements, with 14 percent of the

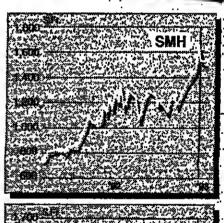
Goldman Sachs analyst Martin Newson rates SMH a "buy" and estimates the company's post-1993 growth rate at between 10 percent and 13 percent after an estimated 34 percent rise in profits in 1992. SMH will benefit from the continued popularity of its Swatch brand and from the acquisitioo in July of high-quality watchmaker Blancpain,

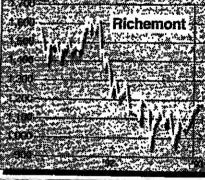
"The world watch market has grown by 8 perceot per annum for the last five years, said Mr. Newson. "One of the reasons for this strong growth is that consumers are starting to look at watches more as a fashion accessory than as a functional piece of equipment. We think this trend will contin-

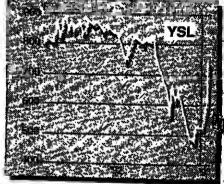
Analysts at bankers Pictet & Cie. in Geneva are also bullish on SMH shares, the group has emerged virtually unscathed from ecocomic downturn thanks to its highly diversified product mix of watches and telecommunications equipment, the analysts said. The Blancpain acquisition will boost SMH's presence in the profitable luxury watch mar-

As recession tightens its grip on Europe, it would take an optimistic investor to put much money into the Continent's luxury goods manufacturers. Unless, that is, the price of luxury goods stocks reflects the general economic gloom so fully that they become just too tempting to potential pur-

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Stock Pickers See Promise in Pakistan

By Rupert Bruce

AKISTAN is best known in the West for its fragile politics, disputes with India, cheap cotton, and for being thoroughly Third World.

Sometimes you get these markets that, on average, look cheap, and you find there are some really rapidly growing economy, let alone a promising stock market. Yet, in the Muslim world, Paki-

stan is one of the biggest stock markets accessible to foreign investors, and even some Western money managers regard it as one of the cheapest and most propitious of

emerging markets.

All the usual arguments in favor of emerging markets apply: Paki-stan's real gross domestic product is forecast to grow at a rate of more then 5 percent over the next few years, according to Credit Lyonnais (Asia), providing a fertile eli-mate for corporate earnings. And the government has embarked on a privatization program that should both enhance corporate efficiency

and stock market liquidity.
But there is a distinction, Kenneth King, investment director at Kleinwort Beosoo fovestmeot Management and London-based bead of the team that manages the Guernsey Kleinwort Benson Emerging Markets Fund, said: "What we most like about the market is that there are a load of stocks Another factor was said to be enthat are quite cheap. On company earnings defined to the way an Englishman or an American would recognize them, the market trades been almost torpid, barely moving nn an average multiple [that is, a more than 10 points on any one

multiple of share price to 1993 day. So what will get share prices carnings per share] of about 10 moving again? times. And there are plenty of com-panies you would feel like buying

even on higher multiples. Few would imagine it to have a duff companies in there that deserve to be on multiples of six. Anything you would really like to buy is on 20 or something. But in Pakistan there were a load of companies that we rather felt like buying, which were on multiples in the low teens.

Some brokers are forecasting that many of these companies' earnings will now grow at up to 15 percent a year in real terms, or after ljusting for inflation.

But the stock market bas not always been this cheap. In mid-January 1992, the Karachi Stock Exchange 100 tudex peaked at 1,705. It has since slid back to levels around the 1,250 mark.

That slide has been mirrored by the performance of Morgan Gren-fell Asset Management's Cayman Islands Pakistan Fund, which fell hy 25.35 percent in U.S. dollar terms over the year to Dec. 31. The market's rise to its 1992 peak

was sharp and rapid during 1991. the year when it was opened to foreigners, largely in anticipation of a wave of foreign investment. thusiasm for the economic reforms of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

In recent weeks, the market has

moving again?

Steve Rhodes, Pakistan country head at Crédit Lyonnais (Asia), said: "We probably have found a fairly solid floor bot, having said that, I do oot know that will be the great instigator to get the market moving again in the short term."
He calculates that the average multiple for 1993 earnings is about 11 times. Compared with the Bombay Stock Exchange's 1993 multiple of 22, he says the market is fair value.

1992 results season for textiles companies. These companies suffered last year as demand for cotton from the United States and other recession-struck customers fell. So the results are not very

Mr. Rhodes hopes that the good earnings growth expected for the top 60 companies once the gloomy textile results are out of the way will push the market higher. But, he says, "you will have to wait for the results. This market is oot a great discounter of news." The first set of good results should come through

This is, however, a market where mends, among other stocks, Mus-lim Commercial Bank, a bank that was privatized two years ago. and inherited a lot of bad debts. It has and reversing many of today's eco. spent the last two years providing nomic reforms.

for them and should have a clean balance sheet by the end of 1993, according to the broker.

Another recommendation is Indus Motor Co. (Toyota) a typical. Asian emerging markets play. This is a joint veoture between the Japanese car giant and a local family, which is beginning to assemble the

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Toyota Corolla locally.

Despite all of this, the market has its problems. Mark Mobius, bead of Templetoo's emerging. markets funds, owns very few Pakistani stocks. He said: "It is very TTHE moment, he added, the market is stagnant because it is the brokers may froot run an order, so brokers may froot run an order, so the stock price can move op sharplyahead of an order.

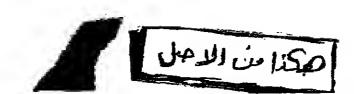
"Another problem is that it is, very, very easy to get a listing on the exchange, and so the companies do not have a history. Many of the companies will say, 'Oh, we want to build a factory,' and will list a new company to raise the money and, build the factory. Many of these stocks are really yearner capital. stocks are really venture capital.

companies.
So, you have the complications of an emerging markets funds with a venture capital twist to it."

Other problems that dog the market are a burgeoning public, sector deficit, swollen by lavish arms spending, which brokers estipicking the right stock is vitally important. Credit Lyonnais recom-GDP in 1992, the dispute over Kashmir with India, and the pros-

pect of Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan

People's Party returning to power;



THE MONEY REPORT



From vests to toast; collectors should should visit pre-auction exhibitions

Rock's Memorabilia Is on an Auction Roll

By Judith Rehak

proof, consider a few events of the it.

birthday, Jan. 9.

And then there was the appear-ance of the Fleetwood Mac rock leather jacket worn by John Len-

in New York.

Collectors of rock 'n' roll memo- auction attracted bidders from as rabilia run the gamut of national- far afield as Spain and Australia.

ities and ages, but the most fervent were in their teens or early twenties in the 1960s and '70s, "It's the mu-F THE enduring influence sic they grew up with," says Roh of rock 'n' roll on American

Levine, Sotheby's rock 'o' roll specialist. "It defines a generation, and al - culture, needs further they're willing to pay for a piece of

ast two weeks.

Among the most sought-after collectibles are classic Beatles ma-Presley fans, stamp collectors and terial, with John Lennon comordinary citizens mobbed post of-fices across the United States to Stones, Elvis, and more contempo-buy the first-day issue of Elvis raneously, Michael Jackson, Prince stamps. At the Richard M. Nixon and Madonna, An icon of the tur-Library in California, tourists bulent 60s with a large following snapped up watches picturing Elvis among Americans is Bob Dylan, and the former president on the because of his grass-roots political face, commemorating their meeting awareness. "He's still alive, but he at the White House in 1970, and the confluence of the "King's" birthday, Jan. 8, and Mr. Nixon's 80th notes Mr. Levine. Clothing owned by rock stars is

group at the gala on the eve of non in the early '60s was hammered President Bill Clinton's inaugura- down for £24,000 (\$37,000) last don Wednesday. The group, re- year at Christie's; the auction united for the first time since 1980, house will place Michael Jackson's performed its 1977 hit, "Don't Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow)," the unofficial theme song of the Clinary an estimated £8,000-£10,000 at its upcoming May 14 sale. Instru-So it should come as no surprise ments can be equally valuable: The that toney auction houses like guitar used by Elvis Presley to sere-Sotheby's and Christie's oow find it made actress Ann-Margret in the worth their while to sell everything film "Viva Las Vegas" will be a from autographed Beatles posters to a velvet vest worn by Jimi Hen-Wolffers Auctions in San Francisdrix, which went for an eye-pop- co. The pre-sale estimate is ping \$19,800 last May at Sotheby's \$30,000-\$50,000, said Jack Wolffers, whose last rock 'n' roll

Untimely death can send values soaring as well. "Freedy Mercury's bot right oow," says Mr. Levine of the lead singer of the British rock group Queen, who died of AIDS last year. A costume worn by Mercury sold for twice its pre-sale estimate at Christie's shortly after his death, and Sotheby's hopes to feature his piano at its next auction on

But how can you be sure that the sweaty jacket was really worn by Elvis?

June 25. The instrument is estimated to sell at \$5,000-\$7,000. Mr. Wolffers expects that a dress worn by singer Janis Joplin at the New-port Jazz Festival in 1968 should fetch at least \$20,000. "It's sought after because her career was so short," he says, referring to the singer's death at age 27 from a drug

Collectors with less cash can

notes that an autographed photo of the Beatles in Edwardian bathing costumes sold for £380 in 1987; recently, a similar photo sold for £800. Mr. Wolffers bought a mintcondition 1978 poster for a Grateful Dead concert in Egypt, signed by the artist, for \$500, and sold it

Some collectibles are downright nine scrapbooks containing such exotica as a piece of toast left over from George Harrison's breakfast, "Be careful not to pay too a scrap of his hlanket and an old much," cautions Mr. Levine, citing George's mum.

One of the trickiest issues sur-

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spring for autographed posters, al- photograph of the performer wearbums and photos, which, if chosen ing the outfit or using the instruselectively, can also appreciate in ment. Autographs can be particu-value. For example, Giles Moon, a larly difficult, says Mr. Moon, who pop expert at Christie's in London, seeks a second opinion if he is uncertain. "If we're not intally com-fortable, we won't sell it," he says.

Most collectors get started because they want to own collectibles of an artist who is special to them. Once a performer is chosen, they should, if possible, visit pre-auction exhibitions where they can review for \$800. Also in a lower price catalogs and discuss past prices range is a new category, the original and quality with experts. (Catalogs range is a new category, the original and quality with experts. (Catalogs art for album covers, signed by the

While the top end of the rock 'o' wacky. A die-hard Beatles fan re-roll market is appreciating steadily, cently handed Christie's £1,200 for some items may merely be salable. but not necessarily increasing in value, warn the experts.
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sock, all given to the collector by Jimi Hendrix's vest, which carried a pre-sale estimate of only \$1,500. but sold for \$19,800. "You probarounding rock 'n' roll memorabilia bly couldn't sell it for that today, is authenticity. How can you be he says. "Don't get carried away. sure that the sweaty jacket was real-ly worn by Elvis? Best is a letter again, so don't be discouraged if stating that an item was worn or you don't get it the first time used by a star. Even better is a around."

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EDICAL caverage when warking or traveling abroad is one of those small details of life that often get overlooked. However, for the expatriate al agreements with nations who gets the flu in Cairo or slips and breaks his leg in Kuala Lumpur, those little details of life sud-Inly take on critical importance.

The sort of cover you need depends on who you are and where you are. Four common scenarios for European and U.S. nationals

· • EC nationals traveling within

European Community nationals are generally fully protected while traveling within the EC, but they are required to carry with them form E-111, which gives proof of their health-insurance status. This form can be obtained from all local Social Security offices. According to a spokesperson for the British Consulate in Paris, "People must be careful about noting individual national laws. For example, French Social Security only covers 80 percent of the cost for many medical procedures, and EC visitors will be covered in exactly the same manner French residents." Foreigners il generally be expected to pay

Additionally, EC cardholders

are limited in services rendered by public facilities accepting Social Security, and must arrange sepa-

rate coverage if they wish to go to private physicians. Citizens of EC countries traveling outside the EC.

Many EC countries have bilaterthroughout the world and voyagers should check with the local depart-

signed bilateral accords, travelers want to know you can get airlifted tion credenoals must abtain private insurance or in the nearest qualified facility."

• U.S. nation expect to pay cash should they need medical care. The British Consulate spokesperson also advises that "Anyone, from any country, traveling to remote destinations should make sure that be is oot only coveling to find out if their own state's that his policy covers evacuation directly into the Social Security of

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· U.S. nationals working or trav-

eling ahroad.

The sole option here is private

U.S. policies will not honor expenses incurred overseas, and citizens must remember to check their policy exclusions in advance. According to a spokespersoo for the American Hinspital in Paris, "Patients should remember that they pay first, and file claims for reimbursement later. While we will always treat an American facing an emergency situation, many Americans have found that they have difficulty with their policies after-

The Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO), and the Federated League of Americans Around the Globe (FLAAG) both offer full coverage programs for expatriates residing full time abroad. According to Philip H. Auerbach, a benefits administrator in Paris, "AARO's policy has no age limit, and cannot be refused to any American residing in Europe."

American voyagers who are go-ing overseas for short-term jaunts can find several limited policies offered through local travel nffices. or, where applicable, consider the American Express medical policy offered to cardholders. American Express programs vary depending David Sater/IHT On the type of card.

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HIGHLY favorable political and economic climate has made the United States a top attraction for foreign purchases of stocks, bonds and other portfolio estments, but there are some dark clouds on the horizon, an expert in the field cautions. Leonard Schneidman, a tax at-

torney and anthor of "U.S. Portfolio Investment by Foreign Taxpayers" cited "low inflation, high real interest rates and the most liquid financial markets in the world" among the factors that have continually drawn foreign portfolio in-

vestment to American shores. Mr. Schneidman, a partner and head of the tax area of the Boston Law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot, defined portfolin investment as passive investments over which the investor has little control beyond buying and selling. By contrast, in active or direct investment the investor actually has a voice in the running of the enterprise in which

he has invested. In addition, the United States is, in many respects, a tax haven for foreign capital, Mr. Schneidman said, and with proper planning the interest, dividends, and capital gains income from portfolio investments will have little or no U.S. tax

This favorable treatment is expected to continue for most foreign United States. investors, Mr. Schneidman said. However, he saw warning signs in the discussion of taxing certain types of foreign portfolio income as a means of raising revenue to reduce the deficit.

N addition, there is President Bill Clinton's oft-repeated promise to raise revetheir "fair share" of American taxes. While his proposals are aimed at foreign subsidiaries doing business in the United States, it could be expanded to include other kinds of investment income (interest and income is lowered.

An example of this type of ex-

pansion can be found in legislation proposed last year that would have taxed the capital gains income of some foreign stockholders. Capital gains income by nonresident foreign investors has never been subject to U.S. tax.

When considering a portfolio investment in the United States, Mr. Schneidman said the investor and nue by making foreign his tax advisers must have a thorventures in the United States pay ough understanding of U.S. tax ough understanding of U.S. tax maturity of 183 days or less. laws to structure his investments so as to gain the most favorable tax treatment possible.

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dividends) by foreigners is subject to a 30 percent tax withheld at the

However, there are so many ex ceptions to this rule, Mr. Schneidman said, that "taxability of a foreign investor on interest income is more a result of poor planning" than of the tax code. These exceptions include interest on bank deposits, interest paid by a U.S. state or municipality, certain portfolin interest paid to foreign taxpayers. and original issues with a term to

In addition, the United States bas bilateral tax treaties with more than 30 nations and in many of

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ew York Mutual Fund Offers German Bonds

The trend to more international fund investment continues. Huntington, a New York-based fund youp, which manages assets of ap-soximately \$150 million, has just launched what it claims is "the first U.S. mutual fund designed to invest primarily in German government bonds.

Investment management of the fund will be undertaken by Bankers Trust Co., a firm with considerable experience in the highly liquid German government bond market. Not surprisingly, the fund is seen as having yield advantages, capital gain opportunities, and potential currency gains. More experienced bond investors will note, however, that to have all three is a rare combination, indeed. If the yield increases, that's usually a function of the capital value falling. If German interest rates fall, the capital value of the bonds may increase, but the yield will fall, and lower interest rates typically mean little currency appreciation.

So, while it may not offer the vest of all possible worlds at once, on the basic investment principle that diversification is a good idea, the bond is probably worth a long second look for investors who want to spread a little money outside the United States.

Minimum investment is \$2,500, and there is a sales charge of 3 percent. For more information, call Huntington on (1) 818 795 0039; investors within the United States may use a toll-free number: I 800

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Those who prefer British government bonds to their German counterparts will be interested in a new fund from British manager M&G Securities. The firm's new Treasury Fund distributes income monthly, and has no initial charge, with an annual levy of just 0.6 percent.

"Our aim is to provide income and capital stability through investment primarily in sterling Treasury bills and, as such, to offer admirable defensive qualities to investors wary of volatility in equity markets," said Peter Emms, M&G's marketing director.

The low charging structure represents a departure for the British fund industry, which typically charges its clients more than 5 percent up front, with annual fees running at around I percent.

For more information, write M&G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ; or call London (44 71) 626 4588.

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Business executives traveling berween London and Paris and the United States on Continental Airlines' new BusinessFirst class were asked last week by the Roper Orgaoization to voice their expectations for the Clinton presidency and identify priorities for the first 100 days. Twenty-eight percent were pessimistic compared with 41 percent when the same survey was taken in November; 25 percent of the

general public is pessimistic. Sixty-one percent said that Mr.

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Harry O'Neill, vice chairman of the Roper Organization, said that 57 percent of the travelers were American, 40 percent foreign and 3 percent did not answer. He said that there was "un significant" difference in the way foreigners and Americans answered the questions.

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SPORTS BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech Loses 3d in Row, 81-58, To Wake Forest

Since knocking Duke from the ranks of the unbeaten and from the top spot in college basketball, there has been one disaster after another

for Georgia Tech.

And with seventh-ranked Virginia next, Coach Bobby Cremins may not yet have seen the end of "a

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

downward spiral." But it would be hard to imagine things getting any

worse.
"Our confidence level is down," Cremins said after Wake Forest stunned the 16th-ranked Yellow Jackets, 81-58, on Thursday night in Atlanta. "We need a great game to come out of this now." The loss was the third straight

for Georgia Tech. After beating Duke on Jan. 10, it lost to North Carolina and was embarrassed, 84-67, by the College of Charleston. Rodney Rogers and Randolph

Childress sparked runs of 11-0 and 16-0 as Wake Forest raced to a 43-16 lead in the first half.

"I didn't think it could get that bad that early," Cremins said. Rogers scored 29 points and Childress 18 as the Demon Deacons ended a 10-game losing streak

at Tech, dating from a 74-56 vic-tory on Jan. 2, 1982.

Wake Forest (10-3, 2-2) shot 75
percent in the first half and 61
percent overall. Rogers made 10 of Il shots and 9 of 10 free throws. James Forrest scored 21 points

for Georgia Tech (9-4, 2-2). No. 6 Duke 92, N. Carolina St.

points in the first half for Duke, which handed its Atlantic Coast Conference rival North Carolina State (4-8, 0-4) its second-worst de-feat in the 186-game series.

The Blue Devils (13-2, 3-2) got 17 points from Thomas Hill, who

scored 9 of their first 15 points. Duke made 10 of its first 12 shots. No. 22 Utah 82, Hawaii 67: Remaining unbeaten in the Western Athletic Conference, the Utes won their eighth straight and made it 9-

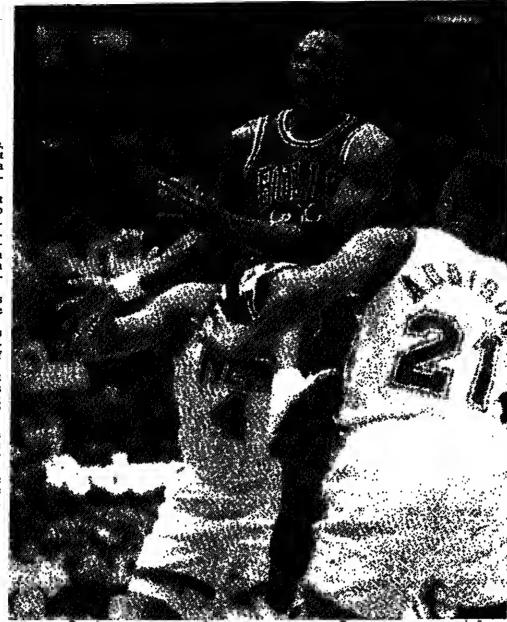
0 at bome this season. Byron Wilson scored 24 points and led a surge that broke the game

Wilson scored eight of 28 points as the Utes (12-2, 6-0) turned a 20-20 tie with 10:13 left in the first half into a 48-29 lead at the break. Hawaii (5-9, 1-5), which has lost

fie straight games, got 17 points from Chris Walz and 16 from Bert Woodward. Josh Grant added 17 points and 12 rebounds for Utah. No. 23 UCLA 84, Stanford 76: In Los Angeles, a 16-3 surge by the Bruins ended the Cardinal's bid for

an upset.
After Marcus Lollie scored five points during a 7-0 run to give Stanford a 44-41 lead, UCLA moved easily to a 57-47 advantage. Ed O'Bannon scored 19 points, Shon Tarver 18 and Kevin Dempsey came off the bench to add 14 for the Bruins (11-4, 3-2). The Cardinal (6-1, 1-3) was led by Dion Cross with a career-high 18 points.

No. 25 Long Beach St. 72, Cal. St. Fullerton 58: Chris Tower made 8 of 13 shots - including two of



No. 6 Duke 92, N. Carolina St.

three from 3-point range — scored
56: In Durham, North Carolina,
Grant Hill scored 14 of his 20

for the 49ers (13-2, 6-2 Big West).

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Olympics No Dream For Jordan By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — If he had to do it over again, Michael Jordan would have passed on the Olympics Games last summer. Once the business of the National Basketball Association championship had been taken care of, he would have beaded straight to the golf course in Hilton Head, South Carolina, instead of carrying his clubs from San Diego to Port-land to Monte Carlo to Barcelona.

Playing for pay from October until deep into June and then for his country and his basketball shoe company was simply too much, Jordan has decided.

"I'd done it before," he said Thursday before his Chicago Bulls defeated the New Jersey Nets here, referring to his gold medal with the 1984 Olympic team. "I didn't have anything to prove."

USA Basketball has announced that a committee will be formed Feb. I in Chicago to select the team that will represent the United States at the 1994 world championships in Toronto, and Jordan was skeptical that the league's top players would be quick to sacrifice their summers to beat up on republics like Croatia, Lithuania and other assorted teams eager to shake hands with the NBA millionaires.

"I think it's going to be easy to get gays to play, but your top players, it may be a different story,"
Jordan said. "I don't know if the clubs will want them to do it. You see those of us who played getting the nagging injuries, getting banged up so early in the season. You have to give some of that to playing in the Olympics."

Players like Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Hardaway, Kevin Johnson and Larry Johnson are already being mentioned for positions on Dream Team II, with the possibility that the nucleus of players and coaches picked for the world cham-pionships might be held over for the 1996 Olympic Games in Adan-ta. Thus, an invitation turned down Bucks 110, Pacers 108: Milwankee broke a seven-game losing streak by winning on the road, with Blue Edwards scoring 27 points and Todd Day 24.

The Bucks didn't allow Indiana a field goal in the final four minutes, but despite the drought for Toronto might, in effect, elimithe Pacers still had a chance to win. With nate a player for Atlanta.

■ Collegians Included

The U.S. team at the world basketball championships might be dominated by NBA stars, but officials emphasize the selection process will include college players, The Associated Press reported from Colorado Springs.

team over money, playing time and the future of the club, The Washington Post reported.

Walker, said Thursday that it was agreed that the selection of the team agreed that the selection of the team "won't disenfranchise anybody."

"Athletes, both collegiate and those about to become pros. will be included." he said

"Our concern at the USOC is not so much with professionals, but that we give everyone an equal shot at making the team," he said.

Walker noted that USA Basketball would not pick the squad for

be said. "we just approve the pro-

Can Bills Ever Beat That Losing Refrain?

New York Times Service

New YORK — A seed has been planted in the minds of the Buffalo Bills, and a question grows and echoes from it: "Are you ever going to win a Super Bow!? Are you ever going to win a Super Bow!? This, in the opinion of Fran Tarkenton, an expert in that doleful

For it was Tarkenton --- the great Tarkenton, the future Hall of

Vantage Point

Famer Tarkenton, the holder of numerous official passing re-cords and unofficial scrambling records Tarkenton - who quarterbacked the Minnesota

Vikings into three Super Bowls. All of which they lost.

The Vikings with Tarkenton went to Super Bowls VHI, IX and XI.

— in 1974, 1975 and 1977 — and fell in triplicate to Miami, Pittsburgh and Oakland.

Pittsburgh and Oakland.

"And by the third time," said Tarkenton recently, "we began to wonder: Can we do it? It's funny, though. By game time, we felt we were definitely going to win." They lost to the Raiders, 32-14.

The Bills, losers of the last two Super Bowis, find themselves, like Tarkenton's old Vikings, facing yet another Super Bowl after having defeated Miami in Sunday's American Football Championship game. That, combined with the idea that the Dallas Cowboys are a young, brash, unexpectedly powerful team with no Super Bowl experience, makes for a game filled with psychological implications. Outside Rich Stadium, at 1 Bills Drive in Orchard Park, New York, recent snow had been shoveled aside to clear the road. Inside, in offices recent snow had been shoveled aside to clear the road. Inside, in offices on the second floor, Coach Mary Levy, the gray eminence of the

Super Bowl XXVII has already begun —we're deep into it. Super Bowl XXV and Super Bowl XXVI are in the past.'

Mary Levy, the Bills' coach

Buffalo football team, was seeking to sweep aside any forlorn mental debris left over from two straight losses in championship games.

The Super Bowl between the Bills and the Cowbovs was still days away and a continent away in Pasadena, California. It is long, long time to go for most fans, who in the ensuing final week will find few avenues of escape from Super Hype and the imundation of information. Now, though, in these early moments, it was still fresh and

"Oh, sure, Super Bowl XXVII has already begain --- we're deep into it," Levy said by phone. "And that's the only one we're concerned about. Super Bowl XXV and Super Bowl XXVI are in the past. Like last week's Miami game. We have our hands full in preparation for

Dallas. We have no sense of an albatross around our necks."

Levy is the only pro football coach with a Phi Beta Kappa key and a master's degree from Harvard. While he is aware of the Bard's stricture that "What's past is prologue," he also knows another line from the canon, and quoted it: "This thing about losing twice before in the Super Bowl is much ado about nothing."

So preparation for the future, and not wallowing in the past, is

paramount. And, as a history major, he also knows that while both the Vikings and the Denver Broncos indeed lost three Super Bowls in four years, there is another relevant piece of National Football League lore.

"Don Shula lost two Super Bowls before he won one," said Levy. Shula, while coaching Baltimore, lost to Joe Namath's New York Jets in Super Bowl III, and then, with Miami, lost to Dallas in VI. In the seventh Super Bowl, in 1973, Shula's Dolphins beat the Red-

I STHERE A SENSE of whistling past a graveyard? Of suppressing demons? Hard to tell. It is obvious that the coach must convince his players that ripeness is all, and that the team can win if it is mentally and emotionally prepared and all of its considerable

muscle is working in concert.

So Levy goes to bard facts. He agrees with Tarkenton that the team that can run the ball better and defend against the run better will win. "I've kept an account in my drawer of every regular-season game in the NFL this year, all 224 games," said Levy. "Where is that paper? I have it here somewhere. Oh, here it is. Yes, the team that runs the ball the most times won 86 percent of the games."

his team, who three Sundays ago pulled off that memorable come-back against Houston, after trailing by 35-3 in the third quarter. People said Miami had momentum last week, too, after beating San Diego, 31-0, and look what happened to them," he said.

But Levy will use a psychological ploy and remind his team that experience belps.

Tarkenton, meanwhile, respects both quarterbacks, Jim Kelly of Bulfalo and Troy Aikman of Dallas, but gives an edge to the Dallas offensive line and to its defense. Tarkenton picks Dallas. Surprise: Levy likes Buffalo.

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the Toronto world championships. On this end, the heart, for the two-time loser, says Buffalo. But the "We at the USOC don't select,"

Lewis Offers Foreman Fight

The Associated Press NEW YORK - Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion, has offered George Foreman another chance to fight for the heavyweight title, promising him at

least \$8 million. Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, made the offer from London in a letter to Foreman dated Jan. 18. Maloney said Lewis would fight Foreman within 120 days after making his mandatory defense against Tony Tucker on April 24. The letter gave a Friday deadline and went to Foreman, the promoter Bob Arum, Time Warner Sports president's, Seth Abraham, and Foreman's advisor, Ron Weathers.

Foreman would get \$8 mil-lion or 40 percent of the net revenues for the fight, which would be held in the United States. Arum said Friday that be and Weathers responded to Maloney's offer and that there was no longer a deadline. He said be, Maloney and Weathers would "sit down and explore" the offer.

Olajuwon Blows Out the Pistons' Lights

The Associated Press

Hakeem Olajuwon, who isn't adept at blowing out candles, is a terror at blowing away the

opposition on his birthday.
Olajuwon celebrated his 30th Thursday night with 38 points and seven blocked shots as the Rockets improved their record to 5-0 when be plays on his birthday with a 126-120 victory over the Detroit Pistons, It also was Houston's seventh straight victory after seven losses in a

Before the game, Olajuwon was given a birth-day cake, but his teammates rigged it with trick candles. "I played better than trying to blow out the candles," he said.

Olajuwon missed a game on his birthday in 1991 because of an injury, and Houston lost to Sacramento, 97-94. It came back on Jan. 21 last year with a 117-107 triumpb over Milwaukee. "He looks like he's playing younger now," said guard Kenny Smith, who had 19 points and II assists for the Rockets.

sion, which also got 22 points from Vernon Maxwell, took a 102-87 lead into the fourth period, but the Pistons closed to 115-112 with 3:21 left. Olajuwon kept the Rockets ahead with eight points in the last 6:22.

Joe Dumars scored 32 points and Isiah Thomas 30 for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight game and sixth in a row on the road. The Rockets hit 12 straight points during a 29-13 spurt in a span of 7:02 in the first quarter. They led by 67-56 at half time.

Nuggets 110, Mavericks 94: Dallas, hoping to turn around its miserable season with con-

secutive victories, couldn't pull it off as Denver ended a 13-game road losing streak.

Chris Jackson scored 24 points, including the last four of an 8-2 final-quarter spurt that sent the Mavericks to their 31st loss in 34 games. Dallas had beaten Detroit by 113-103 on Tuesday, snapping a 15-game losing streak.

Tracy Moore scored 16 points and Terry Davis

Denver is now 2-18 on the road this season,

Bulls 107, Nets 94: Chicago won on the road,

snapping New Jersey's five-game winning streak, as Michael Jordan scored 12 of his 30

points in the first quarter when the Bulls took

While opening a 14-5 lead, Chicago limited the Nets to 1-for-9 shooting and led by 12 three times in the first quarter. The Bulls extended the

margin to 59-45 at halftime, and the closest New

focused in on this game," Jordan said. "In the past we might have had a tendency to look past

this team. Tonight we got out of the blocks early and put them on their heels."

Winners of 11 of 16 games and threatening to catch New York in the Atlantic Division, the Nets lost to Chicago for the eighth straight time.

"We had a couple of days off and we really

Jersey got in the second half was six points.

with its only other victory coming at Los Ange-

grabbed 19 rebounds for the Mavericks.

les against the Clippers on Nov. 27.

the lead for good.

The Nuggets also got 19 points from Reggie Milwaukee leading by 109-108, George Williams, 16 rebounds from LaPhonso Ellis McCloud's inbounds pass with two seconds left and 15 rebounds from Dikembe Mutombo. flew over the bead of Dale Davis. Eric Murdock, who scored 20 points for **NBA HIGHLIGHTS**

Milwaukee, hit a free throw with 1.7 seconds left for the final margin. ■ Bullets Release King

The Washington Bullets released forward Bernard King on Thursday, rading a once-fruitful relationship that had deteriorated into a public rift between the 36-year-old forward and the Committee president, Dr. LeRoy

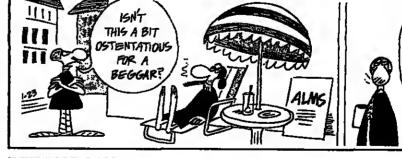
Wes Unseld, the coach, informed King of the cision, which was reached after King took part in his third full practice with the team Thursday. King had returned Jan. 1 after spending 16 months away from the team while

recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery. King could not be reached for a comment. It would take King 48 bours to clear waivers. After that be will be free to sign with any club without Washington's receiving compensation. A team can pick up King for the NBA minimum salary of \$140,000, prorated to cover only the remainder of the season. The Bullets will continue to pay him his \$2.5 million salary for

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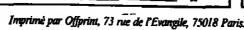
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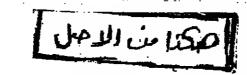


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SPORTS TENNIS

French Group Drops Suit That Blocked Prix

PARIS - French anti-tobacco lobbyists have opened the way for the 1993 French Formula One Grand Prix to be reinstated, dropping legal action against Williams-Renault and other teams, the govemment said on Friday.

The Sports Ministry said in a statement that anti-tobacco lobby representatives agreed to drop the action at a meeting oo Thursday instigated by the sports minister, Frédérique Bredin.

The agreement ended any danger of Formula One cars being seized in France and left oo obstacles to the staging this season of either the French automobile or motorcycle races, the ministry added.

Both events were struck from the world championship calendar last year because the international fedcrations could oot be satisfied that teams would be safe from legal action taken under France's tough anti-tobacco laws.

The moves came after Williams-Renault was fined 30 million francs (\$5.5 million) for carrying tobacco advertising in last year's Australian Grand Prix, which was broadcast on French television.

Tabagisme, which had brought the action in a regional court in Quimper, agreed on Thursday to drop claims against Williams-Renault and not to start new legal moves

relating to past races.

The French parliament amended the anti-tobacco laws last month to allow cigarette advertising to be shown in television coverage of

such advertising is legal

if the French race does go ahead, cars would oot be allowed to carry tobacco ads. Bredin has said, however, that the law does oot require teams to change their cars' colors, which in some cases are closely identified with tobacco sponsors.

FISA, the governing body of Formula One racing, had dropped the French Grand Prix, scheduled for Magny-Cours oo July 4, from its schedule. But it has left the date open, waiting for the French federation to provide guarantees that cars will oot be seized.

■ 2 Said to Balk on Williams

The Williams-Renault team still faced trouble with FISA concerning its entry for the 1993 season. news agencies reported.

The team's owner, Frank Williams, failed to get his entry to FISA in time and oow needs the unanimous agreement of the other teams to allow its late entry to be

Two Italian teams, Minardi and Benetton, are reportedly balking on the go-ahead vote. They are The Comité National Contre le seeking something in return after abagisme, which had brought the Williams had opposed certain rule and technical changes. But on Friday, Williams pledged

to resist any technical limitations. "We doo't go racing so we can stand in the pit lane oext to Ayrton Senna," he told the London Evening Standard. "We do it to pro-

duce the best car in the world.



(AP, AFP) Jim Courier, pounding a return to Guillaume Raoux in his straight-sets victory: "So far, so good."

Former U.S. Junior Ace Comes of Age at the Open

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE - The first American man to reach the roundof-16 at Flinders Park on Friday

No. 1 seed Jim Courier, with his cap pulled low and his power game pulled together, is no stranger to Grand Slam glory. But unless you live for junior tennis or hail from Bay Shore, New

York, the name of the second American to advance will not stir

He is Chris Garner, and he is a qualifier, which makes him the Christian in a main draw full of lions. Uotil Friday, his career had been little more than a string of disappointments, obscure tourna-ments and early-round losses.

"I feel like I'm oo a train at an

one-set deficit to win the first of three matches in the qualifying rounds. It continued Friday when he beat fellow American Todd Witsken in the third round of the real tournament, 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 4-6,

The match was the first five-setsional career, and like so many matches in Melbourne's oppressive summer heat, it did not fail to take clinch the biggest victory of his life, Garner was lying on a training room table in agony with severe muscle cramps brought on by de-

Things got really ugly," Garner Jooes, 28, played only three sin-

They were icing me down and stretching me. They ended up taking me to a hospital oearby, where I got some IVs and a couple of blood

leased and already had beguo thinking about his fourth-round match on Sunday against No. 7 seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic. Just for reaching the fourth round, Garner is guaranteed 28,700 Australian dollars (\$20,000) io prize money. While such a sum would go nearly unnoticed by a millionaire like Courier, it is nearly as much as Garner earned all last year as he toiled away on the less-

than-lucrative Challenger circuit.
"I'm really close with my family, and they help me as much as they can," Garner said. "My mother baamusement park, and the ride's oot stopping." Garner said. "I'm just hanging on."

The ride began last week on the outside courts at the Australian [United States Termis Association] outside courts at the Australian [United States Tennis Association]
Open, when Garner rallied from a over really helped me out that much. The ooe persoo who be-lieved in me was Nick Bollettieri."

"The funny thing is that my mother was trying to coovince me oot to come down to Australia because our funds were running kind of low, and she felt there'd be too The match was the first five-set-ter of Garner's five-year profes-he said. "But the funds have never been too high in our family, so 1 figured what's the difference

Garner was not the only Ameria toll. Mere minutes after hitting a can qualifier to strike a blow for the forehand winner on match point to nearly anooymous. Kelly Jones, better known as Rick Leach's doubles partner, also reached the fourth round, surprising countryman David Wheatoo by the unlikely score of 0-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2,

gles matches in 1992, losing two, as his ranking fell from 230 to 447. But with the added confidence of a successful year in doubles behind him, he has decided to play more singles in 1993. He has returned
By nightfall, he had been reand volleyed brilliantly in all three of his main draw matches.

Unfortunately for Jones, Friday's match on an outside court may also be remembered for his lack of self-control. Unsettled by a group of young Australian girls who were cheering loudly for Wheaton, he lost his temper midway through the first set and con-fronted them.

lo the women's draw, top-seeded Monica Seles continued her customary opening week cruise by routing American Patty Fendick, 6-1, 6-0. The main topic of discus-sion afterward was Seles' upcoming fourth-round match against Nathalie Tauziat of France, who made headlines by complaining to the chair umpire about Seles' grunting during a quarterfinal match at Wimbledon last year.

"f doo't care about the grunt-ing," Tauziat said, in an unsuccessful attempt to put the issue to bed.

Other women who advanced to the fourth round included No. 3 seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argenti-na, Gigi Fernandez of the United States and Julie Halard of France. who upset 16th-seeded Zina Garrison-Jackson, 6-4, 7-5.

In the men's draw, Korda held off rising star Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), to reach the fourth round here for the first time in four attempt. Courier, the defending champion, easily de-feated hurly Frenchman Guillaume Raoux. He has yet to lose a set in three matches and will face No. 15 seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain in the fourth round on Sunday.

"So far so good, it's been a really smooth first week," Courier said.
Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich, the No. 14 seed, overcame a stubborn Australian, Jason Stoltenberg, a bespectacled

former top-ranked junior in singles and doubles who finally ran out of comebacks in losing, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-0), 4-6, 6-1.

Australian Open: **3d-Round Scores**

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From England, An Invitation to a Scrum for Clinton

The Associated Press LONDON - English rugby officials are hoping for a remion with a former Oxford player who went on to bigger things in the United States; President Bill Clinton.

Chris McCoocy, 43, who introduced Clinton to the sport almost 25 years ago, told the Daily Mail newspaper on Friday that he would issue an invitation to the president to play for his Tunbridge Wells

McCoocy was secretary-captain of the University College second cam during the two years that Clinton studied at Oxford.

He said he remembered Clinton as "fairly unfit and not at all athletic," but that he "had quite an appetite for the game and he was an excellent member of the team, always enthusiastic, always good fun, so it chidn't matter about his skills." Clinton will also be invited by the English Rugby Football Union to watch an international match at the Twickenham stadium in Lon-

Swiss Bournissen Wins Icy Women's Downhill

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HAUS, Austria - Chantal Bournissen of Switzerland won her second World Cup downhill of the season on Friday in a race marred

Bournissen, a winner in Lake Louise, Canada, in December, raced the icy 3.046-meter (3,318-yard) Krummholzpiste course in one minute, 42.64 seconds to claim the seventh victory of her career and maintain her bid for the downhill World Cup.

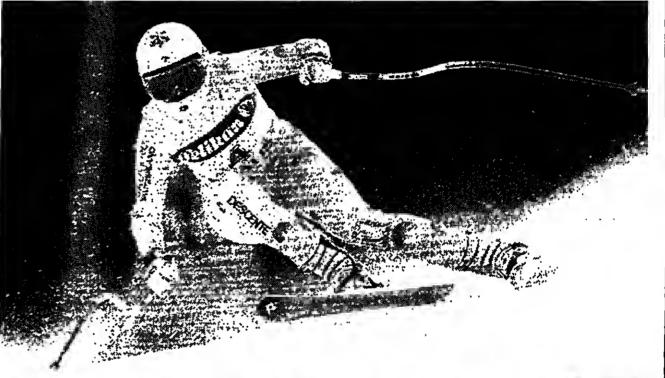
Varvara Zelenskaya of Russia produced the surprise of the race with a superb run in 1:42.70 for second place and the best finish of her World Cup career. Her previous best finishes were third in downbills in 1990 and 1991.

Sabine Ginther of Austria clocked 1:42.86 for third place. The overall downhill leader, Katja Seizinger of Germany, finished fourth

Canada twice caused 20-minute delays while workers reset safety barriers. Lindh, the Olympic downhill silver medalist, slid off a curve near the top of the course and tumbled through a safety net. She was airlifted from the course by helicopter.

She was later released from a local hospital, suffering from a sprained right knee.

Pace careened off the course within sight of the finish line. She broke her left wrist, which will be in a cast for four to six weeks. Barbara Sadleder of Austria, third in last weekend's downhill, fell just before the finish line, crashing into the safety barrier. Her team said she suffered a concussion and extensive bruises. (AP. Remers)



Chantal Bournissen of Switzerland racing on Friday to her second World Cup downhill victory of the season, in Haus, Austria.

SIDELINES

IAAF Compromises on Prize Money JAKARTA (Combined Dispatches) - The International Amateur

Athletic Federation on Friday sought to head off a boycott of the world championships in Stuttgart with a compromise agreement that would allow national federations to reward competitors for their performances. The IAAF rejected demands by leading athletes for prize money at the August world championships, but agreed to give \$7.5 million to national federations with their blessing to give it to medal winners. The movemade Friday at an IAAF meeting here, effectively passes the issue of prize money to the national federations.

But the IAAF's president, Primo Nebiolo, clung to his principle that athletes may oot receive direct prize money for participation in world championships or the Olympics. The IAAF will give federations \$1,000 per athlete at the championships, and the body's secretary-general, Isvan Gyulai, said that if federations "think they want to give this as an award for medal-winning athletes at Stategart, they are free to do so." But he added that "the principle of offering prize money has been rejected."

Earlier Friday, the IAAF rejected a Yugoslav request that a ban be lifted on its athletes' participation in international competitions. Gyulai said the suspension would continue until United Nations sanctions against Yugoslavia were lifted. The sanctions were imposed in response to fighting that broke out in March after Muslims and Croats declared

independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. Japan to Allow More Foreign Horses

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan, under pressure to allow foreign thoroughbreds to compete in its lucrative horse races, will open up three more races

by 1995, the Japan Racing Association said on Friday. A spokesman for the government-supervised organization said the decision to open three more graded races between 1994 and 1995 was part of plans to allow foreign runners to compete in Japan's 12 big races by 1999. He did not say what races would be opened to foreign mounts. Responding to pressure from the United States, Australia and New Zealand, the association announced in November that the Yasuda Memorial race would be the second race opened this year, after the Japan Cup.

Akebono Keeps Share of Sumo Lead

TOKYO (AP) -Akebono pushed out Kotonishiki and shared the lead with the lower-ranked Daishoyama, who beat Konishiki on Friday in the New Year Grand Sumo Tournament.

With two days left in the 15-day tourney, Akebono, the American ozeki, or champion, and Daishoyama, the No. 14 maegashira, or, senior wrestler, were fied at 11-2. Takahanada, a sekiwake, or junior champion, was one victory behind at 10-3, while the American ozeki Konishiki and No. 14 maegashira Naminohana fell to 9-4. Akebono, winner of the last tournament in November, drove out sektiwake Kotonishiki with a series of strong shoves. Kotonishiki fell to 7-6 with the loss.

For the Record

The former PGA champion John Daly, who has undergone alcohol rehabilitation treatment, will return to action on the pro golf tour next

week in the Phoenix Open.

Jani Sierinen of Finland set a men's 200-meter individual medley shortcourse world record of one minute, 56.84 seconds at the Finnish national swimming championships on Friday in Helsinki. He beat the previous

record of 1:57.19, which he set last year.

The Norwegian speedskater Johann-Olav Koss clipped nearly three seconds off his 5,000-meter world record at the European Championships (AP) on Friday with a time of 6 minutes, 38.77 seconds.

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The, Ah, Winners

the Bad Song Survey.

In analyzing these results. I had to make a few adjustments. For example, the Bob Dylan song "Lay Lady Lay" would have easily won as Worst Overall Song, with 17,006 votes, except that I had to disallow 17,004 votes on the grounds that they were cast by my Research De-partment, Judi Smith, who tabulated the votes, and who HATES it.

To win, a song had to be known well enough that a lot of people could hate it. This is a shame in a way, because some obscure songs are wonderfully hideous. One reader sent a tape of a song called "Hooty Sapperticker" by a group called "Barbara and the Boys." This could be the worst song I've ever heard. It consists almost entirely of the Boys singing "Hooty! Hooty! Hooty!" and then Barbara saying: "Flowdy. Hooty Sapperticker!*

Without question, the voters' choice for Worst Song — in both the Worst Overall AND Worst

Lyrics category — is . . . "MacArthur Park," as sung by Richard Harris, and later remade. for no comprehensible reason, by Donna Summer.

It's hard to argue with this selection. My 12-year-old son, Rob, was going through a pile of ballots, and he asked me how "MacArthur Park" goes, so I sang it, giving it my best shot, and Rob laughed so hard that when I got to the part about leaving the cake out in the rain, and it took so long to bake it, and I'll never have that recipe again, Rob was on the floor. He didn't BE-LIEVE those lyrics were real.

The clear runner-up, again in both categories, is "Yummy Yummy Yummy (1 Got Love in My Tunmy)," performed by Ohio Express. (A voter sent me an even WORSE version of this, performed by actress Julie London.)

Coming in a strong third is "(You're) Having My Baby," by Paul Anka. This song is deeply hated. As one voter put it: "It has no redeeming value whatsoever - except my friend Brian yelled out during the birth scene in the sequel 10 The Fly, in full song, 'Having my maggot!'

Honorable mention goes to Bobby Goldsboro, who got many votes

IAM!—I hope you haven't for various songs, especially "Hon-had anything to eat recently, because, as promised last week, to-day I am presenting the winners of "Honey"? I hate it 100, but I want to know WHY."

Why? Consider this verse: She wrecked the car and she was sad, and so afraid that I'd be mad, tho' I pretended hard to be, guess you could say she saw through

and hugged my neck. A recent song that has aroused great hostility is "Achy Breaky Heart," by Billy Ray Cyrus. According to voter Mark Freeman. the song goes like this:

You can tell my lips, or you can tell my hips, that you're going to dump me if you

but don't sell my liver, is never would forgive her, it might blow up and circumcise this

Many voters feel a special Lifetime Bad Achievement Award should go to Mac Davis, who wrote "In the Ghetto," "Watching Scotty Grow" AND "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me," which contains one of the worst lines in musical

You're a hot-blooded woman-child. and it's warm where you're touching

That might be as bad as the part in "Careless Whisper" where George Michael sings:

I'm never gonna dance ogain; guilty feet have got no rhythm.

Speaking of bad lyrics, many voters also cited Paul McCartney, who, ever since his body was taken over by a pod person, has been writing things like: Someone's knockin' at the door;

somebody's ringin' the bell; (repeat); do me a favor. open the door.

In closing, let me say that you voters have performed a major public service. Let me also say I am very relieved to learn there are people besides me who hate "Stairway to Heaven." Thank you,

P.S. Also "I Shot the Sheriff." Knight-Rudder Newspapers

Jane Bunnett on Sax: The Spirit of Havana

nal Herold Tribune

PARIS — Jane Bunnett has been study-I ing the music of Thelonious Monk with Steve Lacy in Paris ("between lots of wine cheese and baguettes") on a grant from the Canada Arts Council, a hip grant indeed. And she won the Down Beat magazine critics poll in the soprano saxophone Talent Deserving Wider Recognition category. She plays good for a girl.

Appreciate the extent of the retreat of Sexism in the macho world of jazz by considering that not long ago the preced-ing sentence could have been written as a mple compliment, a statement of fact without humor or irony. It might have been the point of the piece. It leaves us free to investigate content rather than form, in this case Cuban music.

Bunnett is currently visiting Cuba for the 13th time. Before leaving, she ex-plained: "Canada exported a lot of cows and tractors down there. They like Canadians." A Canadian export herself (she's likable), she is also paying back cultural debts by adding value to the product for re-export. Her album "Spirits of Havana" (Denon), recorded in Cuba in 1991 by a Canadian company, is available abroad. And she arranged to bring a troupe of Cuban musicians to Peter Gabriel's World Music festival in Toronto last summer. This sort of personalized contact would have been impossible for U.S. musicians. Even Dizzy Gillespie, who blew montanos worldwide and was a hero there, had to fight prejudiced bureaucracies oo both sides in order to play with Cubans. In any case, the product in question goes way beyond bebon.

Cuban rhythms gave birth to dance crazes such as the Charleston, the Black Bottom, rhumba, cha-cha and mambo, and had a key influence on Delta blues, rhythm and blues, and boogie-woogie. Some boogie-woogie "rocks" are descen-dants of Cuban bass riffs called numbaos. Jimmy Yancey and Professor Longhair played tumbaos with the left hand and blues on top. Jelly Roll Morton said that the Cuban element - he called it "the Spanish tinge" — in his music was as essential to "true jazz" as the blues. The hit song "Louie Louie" was based on an obscure Cuhan cha-cha.

In an article titled "The Cuban Connecuon" in Spin magazine, Robert Palmer quotes the Cuban trumpeter/bandleader/gu-ru Mario Bauza: "The Cubans, we came here and changed your American music from the bottom up! And nobody

knows this!" He is shouring: "NOBODY WRITES ABOUT THIS! Whap! Whap! The Latin music writers they write about 'saisa' style, the 'saisa' sound. There is no such thing! Salsa is nothing but 30-year-old Cuban music with a new name. We changed everything."

"They couldn't sell 'Afro-Cuban' mu-

sic," Bunnett confirmed. "Those are two 'naughty' words. Not very commercial. So they named it 'salsa.' I had been playing with salsa bands back in Toronto, but it was on-the-surface stuff. I wanted to find the heartbeat of the thing."

Eight years ago, Bunnett and her com-panion and collaborator, the trumpeter/composer Larry Cramer, stumbled upon an ad for a cheap all-expenses-paid two weeks in Cuba. Instead of Havana, they went to Santiago de Cuba, at the other end of the island. It is the center of Yoruban music, which was brought from West Africa by slaves along with the Santeria religion. The liner notes for "Spirits of Havana" explain: "This is about Cuhan music from the carnival drum orchestras called comparsas to the conservatories to the dance floor, from the most virtuosic jazz improvising to the deep spirituality of the Santeria drumming and chants that call down the Orishas," the enduring Afri-can gods of the Yoruba diaspora."

"Havana is more sophisticated, the music scene is bigger and more varied," Bun-nett said. "But if you really want to get the beart of Cuban music. Santiago is the place. There was this 18-piece band playing when we got off the bus. Bands played every night. I was totally blown away. In Santiago, people dance and play music in the streets until 5 A. M."

Returning to Cuba once or twice a year to meet musicians and make field recordings, she befriended Guillermo Barreto who had played drums with Nat Cole, Sarah Vaughan, Stan Getz and other American stars who worked the casinos before the revolution. He was married to the singer Merceditas Valdes, the most renowned interpreter of Lucumi, the tradinonal Yoruba liturgical bymn. They both perform on "Spirits of Havana," and Barreto co-produced it but died before it was

Hoping to get to the heart of the music without changing it, Bunnett added harmony to Yoruban vocal and percussion chants and opened sections for solos. Barreto would come running up to her and say, "Play more Cuban," "I can't," she'd reply, "I'm not Cuban." She did not want to "do a sort of Paul Simon thing where all

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Saxaphonist Bunnett: "Ever try to fax Cuba?"

the elements are watered down. What we found so exciting is the intensity, we want-

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Bunnett is discussing a second recording with Duran. Judging from the first one, this is no simple matter. Sponsored by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. "Spirits of Havana" took three years to put together. "Ever try to fax Cuba?" sbe asked, "Once we couldn't get through for weeks so we flew from Toromo and here were all these people standing around the

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Then the CBC decided to pull out: They said there had been big budget cutbacks and they didn't know where they could find the money. There are good studios in Cuba but equipment wears out and they can't get spare parts because of the embargo. So we were going to take some expensive hardware down with us. We had committed ourselves. We had given news conferences in Havana and all the print and radio reporters covered it. It was exciting for them. It was an export they could be really proud of. So I went to the CBC and screamed, I really screamed loud. It went back on track."

When it was done. Barreto paid her the supreme compliment. "I just couldn't believe she wasn'i Cuban," he told the press. Ob yes - be also told ber: "You play like a

PEOPLE

Disney's Right to 'Rite' Contested by Publisher

In the Walt Disney film "Fantasia," music from Iger Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" is played during the creation of the Earth, the demise of the dinosaurs, and the birth of civilization. Now comes the one thing that seems to have been left out: a lawsuit. Stravinsky's publisher is contending that the Walt Disney Co. did not have the right to use "Rite of Spring" in the bestselling videocassette version of "Fantasia." Jody Pope, a lawyer for Boosey & Hawkes, said that Stravinsky, who died in 1971, gave the studio permission to use "Rite of Spring" only in the context of a film to be shown in theaters. The publishers are asking for more than \$200 million in damages. A Disney spokesman declined to comment.

Prince Charles's relationship with a married woman has suffied the monarchy's reputation but most Britons think he should still become king, according to an opin-ion poll pubished on Friday in the Daily Express. Of those questioned for the ICM survey, seven out of 10 said the publication of an intimate telephone conversation between the prince and friend Camilia Parker-Bowles had damaged the monarchy. But 59 percent were in favor of Charles succeeding his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

Japanese opera buffs, known for their willingness to pay big money for tickets, will have a chance to splash out as much as 80,000 yen (\$640) for a seat when Spanish tenor José Carreras visits Tokyo. That is the going rate at a charity concert planned for March, the proceeds of which will go toward the fight against leukemia. Carreras himself recovered from leukemia in 1988.

Film star Andrey Hepburn will be buried on Sunday in the small Swiss village where she lived for nearly 30 years. Hepburn died on Wednesday aged 63 in Tolochenaz, outside Lausanne and overlooking Lake Geneva

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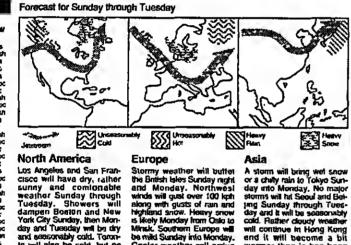
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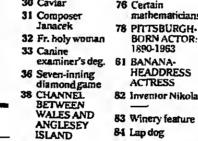
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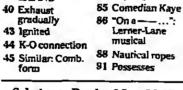
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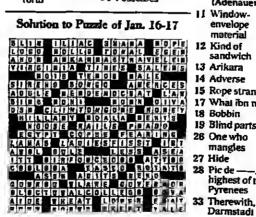
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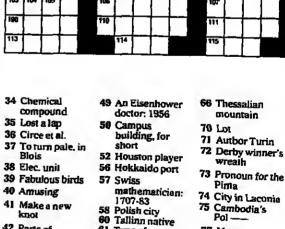
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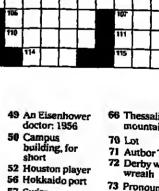
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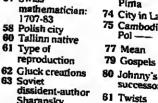
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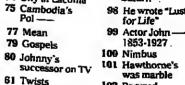








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